

Southern Tablelands Regional Botanic Garden at Forest 20, National Arboretum Canberra.

## Of Interest at Forest 20, August 2023 Number 99



Hovea heterophylla Common Hovea. A creeping species with linear leaves and violet flowers.



Acacia rubida Red-stemmed Wattle. The first of our wattles on the Wattle Walk to be fully flowering.



Allocasuarina nana Dwarf She-oak. Not really dwarf due to our conditions but a dense shrub flowering prolifically





*Hardenbergia violacea* False Sarsaparilla. Starting to flower and will be more prominent soon.



Westringia eremicola Slender Westringia. An exceptionally long flowering shrub.



Plantago varia Variable Plantain. The wide toothed leaves distinguish this species from its weedy relative P lanceolata. Ribwort Plantain.



*Perga sp.* Spitfire grubs, Sawfly larvae. Sawflies differ from wasps is that they lack a waist that wasps have.



Ranunculus papulentus Large River Buttercup. Spreads by underground stolons and likes damp conditions.



Acacia dealbata Silver Wattle. One of the most common wattles in our local bushland. Known to sucker.

Our working bees are held each Thursday morning from 8am. Morning tea (byo) is at 10am at the tables near the shed. Tools are supplied. New volunteers are welcome, just turn up and make yourself known.



*Perga sp.* Sawfly larvae in disturbed mode. They feed on young eucalypts clustering together in defence.



Acacia terminalis Sunshine Wattle. Another species on our Wattle Walk. It can range from 1 to 5 metres tall.



*Bryaceae* are a family of mosses, and they are often difficult to identify to species.

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