

STEP PHOTO GALLERY June-September 2026

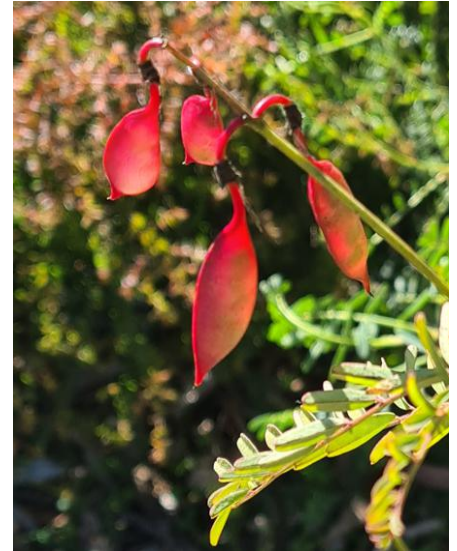
Winter was not very colourful especially when it was cold and wet, but there are always interesting things to see at STEP



Scribbly gum bark peeling off in June



Badge huntsman spider hiding in the reeds (JC)



Red pods on the Swainsona galegifolia



Enormous spider webs appeared to decorate the trees in June

(FN)

Fungi were abundant

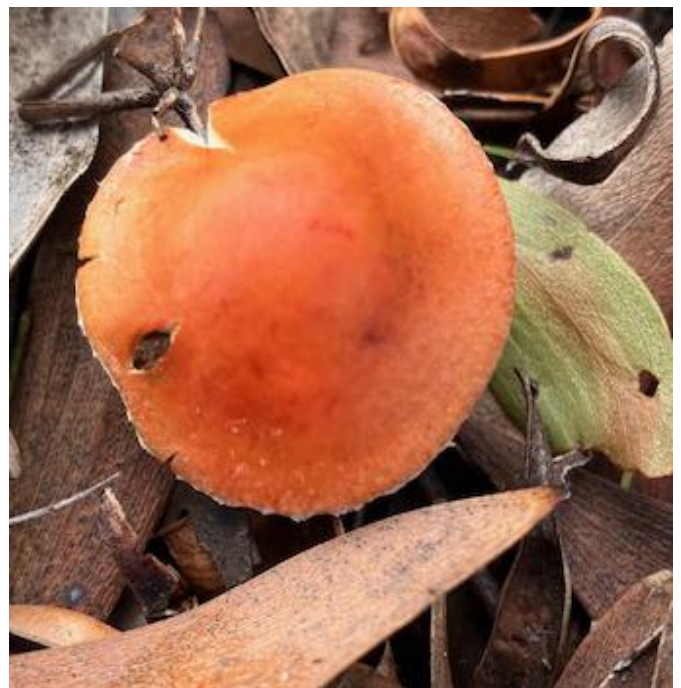


2 forms of the Spectacular Rustgill fungus - *Gymnopilus junonius*

RCY



Tiny frilled fungus found in groups under the eucalypts



Large bright orange fungus

JC

These species not yet identified on Canberra Nature Map

In August, there was purple everywhere



JS

**False Sarsaparilla - *Hardenbergia violacea*
Also called Purple coral pea and Warraburra**



JS

It even grew up the trees.



MB



JS

Then the wattles burst forth



Acacia lanigera – Woolly wattle In flower in early June



Acacia genistifolia - Early wattle In flower in July

JS



Acacia paradoxa – Kangaroo thorn - note the thorns
Both in flower in late August



JS **Acacia pycnantha – Golden wattle** - Australian emblem

Many other species are in flower now



Crowea exalata 'Ginninderra Falls' in bud at end of August JS
Height up to 1m. Growing in section A
This is a local species only found at Ginninderra Falls



Stypandra glauca – Nodding blue lily. Flowering late August
White flowers are growing on the same plant as the blue ones
Grows in Section AA



Bossiaea greyi – Murrumbidgee Bossiaea grows to 1.5m
Small shrub 1-3m high. Endangered
Grows in ACT in woodland along Murrumbidgee, Cotter and Paddy's river corridors



Pultenea scabra – Rough bush pea in flower in early September

Some visiting birds

Grey butcherbird

JC



Yellow tailed black cockatoo

CI



Young tawny frogmouth RCY



Australian wood ducks making use of the temporary pond in the middle of the road



STEP in Spring



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