

Spring Survey

Skye Sanctuary · 28 September 2026

- **Spring flush is on.** Dense green groundlayer, geophytes flowering.
- **Native geophytes confirmed:** Chocolate Lily (*Arthropodium strictum*) and *Stackhousia* (creamy candles). Both remnant-quality flags.
- **Weed in the same swale:** Butter Silklily (*Sparaxis bulbifera*), an iris-family garden escape.
- **Natives holding:** eucalypts including a large old gum (4112), gums with wattle (4104, 4110), tall gums + native pine (4111), a drooping she-oak or native pine (4123), Rock Fern (4131, Research Grade), *Lomandra*, a lichen rock outcrop (4134, Cunningham's Skink habitat).
- **Weeds present:** feral Olive (4107), Artichoke Thistle (4113), a large weed rosette to confirm (4109), Ribwort Plantain, *Oxalis*/soursob, clover/medic, a small pink *Geranium* (Herb Robert type), weedy pasture grasses, a Sweet Pittosporum shrub.
- **Animal sign:** photo 4130 is an echidna foraging digging, a conical snout-hole in the soil. Confirm.
- **Management note:** some gum stems are freshly cut/coppiced (4106) and a bare soil bank carries irrigation poly pipe (4103), so this stretch has had recent works.

Photo plates



#4103 17:34

Bare soil bank + irrigation poly pipe (replanting area)

CONTEXT context



#4104 17:35

Eucalypt woodland, gums + wattle over grass

NATIVE context



#4105 17:35

Tall grass sward, weedy pasture grass

WEED likely



#4106 17:35

Gum trunks, some cut/coppiced + grass

NATIVE context



#4107 17:36

Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.), declared weed, live + dead canes

WEED likely



#4108 17:36

Eucalypt woodland, dead branches, valley

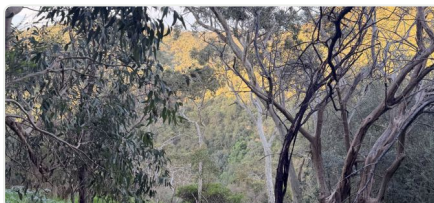
NATIVE context



#4109 17:36

Wild Cotton (*Gomphocarpus cancellatus*), a milkweed weed

WEED likely



#4110 17:37

Gum woodland, grassy slope

NATIVE context



#4111 17:37

Tall gums + native pine against sky

NATIVE context



#4112 17:37

Large old gum trunk + green groundcover

NATIVE solid genus



#4113 17:38

Italian Arum (*Arum italicum*), a shade weed, marbled arrow-shaped leaves. Artichoke Thistle (silver leaf) at left

WEED likely



#4114 17:38

Dense clover/medic groundcover

WEED likely



#4116 17:39

Groundlayer: plantain, oxalis; white flower (*Stackhousia*/*Sparaxis*)

MIXED confirm



#4117 17:39

White flower (*Stackhousia*/*Sparaxis*?), clover, purple pea

MIXED confirm



#4118 17:39

Grass + herbs + white geophyte flower

MIXED confirm



#4119 17:39

Grassy revegetation slope, valley

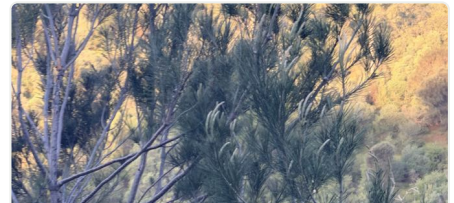
NATIVE context



#4120 17:39

White flower drift: native *Stackhousia* (creamy candles) with Butter Silklily (*Sparaxis bulbifera*) weed

MIXED community ID



#4123 17:44

Drooping She-oak or Native Pine foliage

NATIVE likely



#4124 17:44

Chocolate Lily (*Arthropodium strictum*), native lily + *Pittosporum* shrub

NATIVE community ID



#4125 17:44

Same shrub + grassy groundlayer

MIXED context



#4126 17:44

White flower spike: *Stackhousia* (creamy candles) / *Sparaxis*

NATIVE/WEED community ID



#4127 17:44

Groundlayer, white + purple flowers, mixed herbs

MIXED confirm



#4128 17:44

Sweet *Pittosporum* shrub over path

WEED likely



#4129 17:44

Disturbed, mossy scraped ground under shrubs

CONTEXT context



#4130 17:45

Echidna foraging digging: conical snout-hole dug into the soil

SIGN likely



#4131 17:45

Rock Fern (*Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia*) + Lomandra + oval-leaved shrub

NATIVE **Research Grade**



#4132 17:45

Silver ferny plant + Lomandra + shrubs

MIXED **confirm**



#4133 17:46

Grass with tiny white flowers, weedy

WEED likely



#4134 17:46

Lichen rock outcrop among grass (skink habitat)

NATIVE likely



#4137 17:49

Small pink flower + dissected leaves (Herb Robert type)

WEED likely