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18th February 2018 Buderim Steam Train Tramway Walk.

Telco Road, off Mons Road, Buderim.

This walk was along a restored section of the original train track that went from Palmwoods to Buderim. The area is open forest. We walked approximately two kilometres then returned to the carpark for a late morning tea.



Although the morning was hot it was pleasant walking in the forest shade. As I expected, the bird numbers were diminished but we did record thirty-one species.

Not a bird, but we were especially thrilled to see the female Richmond Birdwing Butterfly.

The Pale Brown Hawkmoth larvae were busy chomping their way through the slender grape vine at the beginning of the walk. The small shrub *Sauropus albiflorus*, often overlooked, was flowering and fruiting all along the track. Its described as a small bushy shrub with showy flowers.



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Sauropus albiflorus.

Image from Internet.

Birds:

Brown Cuckoo-Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove, [H], Laughing Kookaburra, Sacred Kingfisher, [H], Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, [H], Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Rainbow Lorikeet, Pale-headed Rosella, White-throated Treecreeper, Variegated Fairywren, Scarlet Myzomela, [H], Blue-faced Honeyeater, Noisy Miner, Lewin's Honeyeater, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, [H], White-browed Scrubwren, Brown Thornbill, Eastern Whipbird, [H], Grey Butcherbird, Pied Butcherbird, Australian Magpie, Pied Currawong, Common Cicadabird, Australian Golden Whistler, Little Shrikethrush, Australasian Figbird, [H], Spangled Drongo, Grey Fantail, Rufous Fantail, Torresian Crow,

Butterflies.

Richmond Birdwing, [female], Evening Brown, Blue Triangle, Lemon Migrant.



Pale Brown Hawkmoth larva, *Theretra latreilliid*, on Slender grape, *Cayratia clematidea*.

Photo: Robyn Howard