

FIELD NATURALISTS' EXCURSION TO UPPER ITHACA CREEK,

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 5TH, 1889.

ON previous occasions the scrub in this locality (near Captain Simpson's) has proved a good collecting ground, but since the last visit of the Section a great deal had been cleared, and so recently that few botanical specimens were left undestroyed, and the collecting ground of former excursions was therefore very much curtailed.

The following list of plants, supplied by F. M. Bailey, Esq., are the principal ones noticed during this outing :—

Capparis nobilis, *F. v. M.* ; in flower. Native pomegranate.

This, when in full bloom, as at present, is one of the most beautiful trees of our scrubs. The flowers are large, white, and very fragile ; the fruit is edible.

Zieria Smithii, *Andr.* ; in flower.

Vitis nitens, *F. v. M.* ; in fruit. Native grape. This rampant climber produces an oval acid fruit which doubtless might be improved, and become useful if cultivated.

Harpullia pendula, *Planch.* ; in fruit. Tulipwood.

Tephrosia filipes, *Benth.* ; in flower.

Backhousia myrtifolia, *Hook. & Horn.* ; in flower.

Eugenia Smithii, *Poir.* ; in flower. Lilly pilly.

E. myrtifolia, *Sims* ; in fruit. Scrub cherry. Most useful for jams and wine making.

Vernonia cinerea, *Less.* ; in flower.

Wahlenbergia gracilis, *A. DC.* ; in flower. Blue bell.

Asclepias curassavica, *Linn.* ; in flower. Milky cottonbush, a naturalised West Indian plant.

Solanum aviculare, *Forst.* ; in flower. Poroporo of New Zealand.

Eranthemum variabile, *R. Br.* ; in flower. Common in the flower gardens of the southern colonies, and might with advantage be introduced into ours.

Euphorbia serrulata, *Reinw.* ; in flower.

Cleistanthus Cunninghamii, *Muell. Arg.* ; in flower.

Phyllanthus Ferdinandi, *Muell. Arg.* ; in fruit. Towwar of the natives.

Baloghia lucida, *Planch.* ; in fruit. Scrub bloodwood.

Tragia Novæ-Hollandiæ, *Muell. Arg.* ; in flower. Climbing stinging nettle.

Celtis paniculata, *Planch.* ; in fruit. A rare tree in Southern Queensland, met with for the first time by F. N. S.

Ficus macrophylla, *Desf.* ; in fruit. Large fig.

Calanthe veratrifolia, *R. Br.* ; in flower. Large white orchid. It is much to be regretted that this easily cultivated plant is not more frequently seen in our gardens.

On land which had been cleared and burnt off, the late rains caused some of the indigenous grasses to shoot up, and good flowering specimens of the following kinds were obtained :—

Eriochloa punctata, *Hamilt.* ; *Panicum semialatum*, *R. Br.* ; *P. gracile*, *R. Br.* ; *Oplismenus compositus*, *Beauv.* ; *Imperata arundinacea*, *Cyr.* ; *Andropogon refractus*, *R. Br.* ; *Aristida vagans*, *Cav.* ; *Sporobolus indicus*, *R. Br.* ; *S. diander*, *Beauv.* ; *Eragrostis Brownii*, *Nees*.

EXHIBITS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 1889.

1. Nine new species of Lepidoptera, including *Polyommatus subpallidus* and *Lycæna oranigra* ; by T. P. Lucas, M.R.C.S., Eng., &c.
2. Fossil bones of *Koalemus ingens*, *Archizonurus securus*, *Cuscus procuscus*, *Pseudochirus* (?) *notabilis*, and *Phalangista* sp.; by C. W. De Vis, M.A.



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