The Urrbrae Wetland

Indigenous Plant Trail

The Urrbrae wetland indigenous plant trail consists of a number of provenance plants that were used by Aboriginal People for food, medicine, fiber and tools.

Each of these plants is marked with a small sign, containing information about the traditional uses and cultural importance of the plant.

Kurana people have been consulted throughout this project, however the majority of information printed here and on the signs is from published resources.

Do NOT pick or remove any plant material.

Education @ the wetland

Groups are welcome to take a self-guided tour of the Indigenous Plant Trail. An activity booklet is provided, that encourages students observe, record and analyse the types of local plants that assisted the Aboriginal people to live successfully and sustainably for 1000’s of years.

To plan your visit, please contact the Wetland Manager or visit the Urrbrae Wetland Website www.urrbraewetlandlc.org

Native Raspberry

Rubus parifolius

Description: The Australian native raspberry is a climbing shrub, found in riparian scrub and woodlands. Its narrow branches are covered in little, hooked thorns.

It has bright green, wrinkly leaves, which are toothed and have a silvery white underside.

In October through to December it produces small, deep pink coloured flowers that develop into small clusters of red berries from December to April.

Aboriginal Uses: The red berries have a very similar taste to that of the commercially grown raspberries and were eaten raw.

References
Native Raspberry’ Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
http://bie.ala.org.au/species/Rubus+boormanii+(Plantae)
Victorian Flora, ‘Rubus parvifolius’

Flower

Distribution Map [1]