

## Tura Beach Flora Reserve

### History

As the coastal area north of Merimbula began to be transformed due to residential development this Reserve was established in 1992 to ensure that a small remnant of the natural environment would be preserved in Tura Beach.

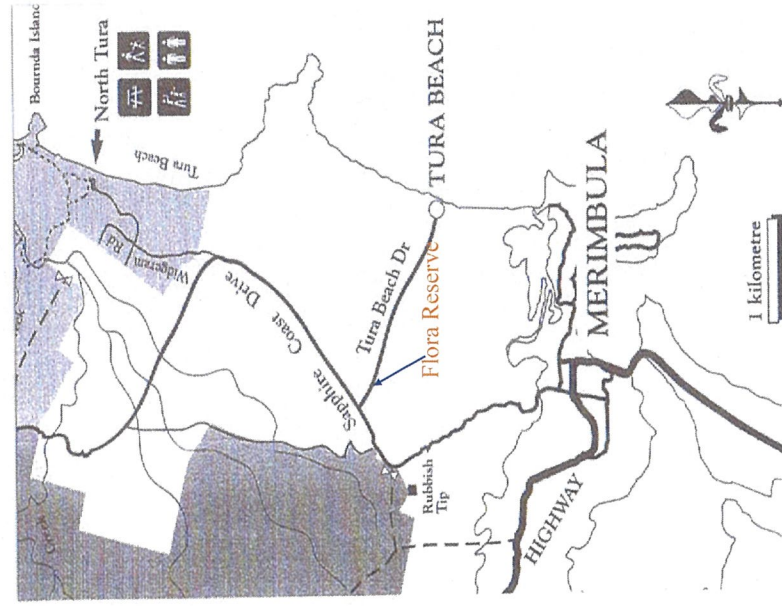
### Wildflowers

Some of the more spectacular wild flowers likely to be seen in the Reserve, mainly in spring, are shrubs such as Wedding Bush, Crimson Bottlebrush, Broadleaf Wedgepea, Tick Bush, Common Aotus, Sticky Boronia, Heath Milkwort, Correa, Heath, Guinea Flower, Thyme-leaf Tetratheca, and orchids and other wildflowers such as the Large Duck Orchid, Purplish Beard Orchid, Pink hyacinth Orchid, Tiger Orchid, Blue Grass Lily, Paroo Lily, Purple flag, Blue Dampiera, and Trigger Plant.

### Birds and Animals

The Reserve has a rich assemblage of forest bird species, including parrots, pigeons and nectar feeders. Visitors may see a diverse range of species such as the Satin Bowerbird, King Parrot, Eastern & Crimson Rosella, Butcherbird, Rainbow Lorikeet, Yellow & Scarlet Robin, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Spinebill, Grey Shrike Thrush, Silvereye, Scrub Wren and of course, Kookaburras, Magpies and various Honeyeaters.

Short-nosed Bandicoots, Yellow-bellied Gliders, Brush-tail & Ringtail Possums, Wallabies and Wombats also frequent the Reserve.



### Tura Beach Flora Reserve Committee

For further information about the Reserve contact the Committee Secretary, 0495 9231

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A SMALL REMNANT OF NATIVE COASTAL FOREST VEGETATION IN SUBURBAN TURA BEACH



*Aotus ericoides*

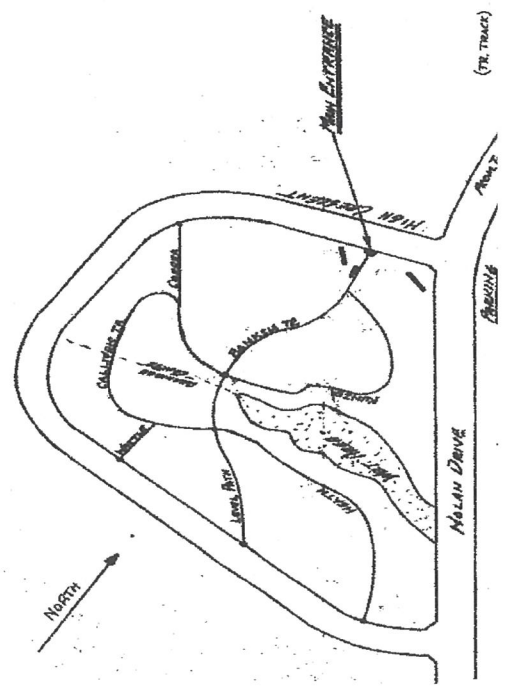
Common Aotus

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**TURA BEACH FLORA RESERVE**  
 Area annex of 4 ha.  
 Approx. 500m. Wideview Tracks.

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## Location and Access

The Reserve is located off Nolan Drive, bordered by High Crescent, in Tura Beach, just north of Merimbula.

Easy walking tracks provide access to this quiet bushland sanctuary. The north-south track beginning at the main entrance, where there is a bench seat, is relatively level grade and is designed to allow wheel chair access.

It is advisable to keep to the tracks and to wear appropriate clothing and foot wear when venturing into coastal bushland.



## Vegetation and Wildlife

The Reserve is gently sloping with dry sclerophyll forest cover. It is representative of typical open Eucalypt forest on sandy coastal soil. The sub-canopy comprises a mixed stand of casuarinas, banksias, acacias, hakea and notably eastern cypress pine with mixed stands of ti-tree and paperbark in moist areas. There is a diverse understorey of heathland shrubs, herbs and grasses including several species of regional interest, most notably the Merimbula Starhair which is listed as an endangered species in NSW.

The Reserve also provides habitat for the rich local bird population, native mammals, other animal species and invertebrates.

In spring, wildflowers provide a colourful display including bright yellow bush peas and donkey orchids, pink hyacinth orchids, boronia and blackeyed susan, white wedding bush and many more.

Although small, only 4.5 hectares, it is a valuable contribution to the preservation of the local biodiversity

## Management

Management of the Reserve is administered by a council-appointed committee of local residents. The committee has surveyed and constructed paths, controlled bracken overgrowth, removed fallen trees and supervised some controlled burning to maintain the health of the vegetation.

Guided tours are organized on Open Days so that interested groups and the public can enjoy this amenity and its educational potential.



A group of visitors in the Reserve enjoy a guided tour on one of the Open Days organized by the management committee