

ORGAN PIPES NATIONAL PARK

SUGAR GLIDER MONITORING

July 2013

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Due to our new plan, we are only checking sugar glider nest boxes every second month. Therefore this month was dedicated to planting Black Wattle trees. Black Wattle is a vital food source for the sugar gliders at the Organ Pipes during the winter months when other food sources are low.

Terry, Kara, Tamblyn, Abi and I met up with Joe, who kindly helped us load up the super tree guards we'd made onto the Ute and he ferried us across the creek.



The site on Black Wattle Flat where the trees were planted.



Asha and Terry loading tree guards onto the ute.



Abi and Tamblyn with lovely muddy hands !

We planted, watered, and put guards on around 20 trees along Black Wattle Flat. We also took out some prickly pear while we were there, which was a good challenge!



...Prickly pear before



...Prickly pear after

We are planning to plant more Black Wattles in the coming months on Red Gum Flat and Rubble Flat.

Once we had finished with all the planting and weed removal, Joe kindly came to pick us up and take us back across the creek. We had a lovely surprise on Main Flat when we turned around to see a female Eastern Grey kangaroo and her young one standing a couple of metres away. They were trying to get past us, so we moved out of their way and got a great photo opportunity!



Mother and joey passing through...



And obviously quite comfortable with people!

We were sad to say good bye to Joe, we really appreciate all the support and help he has given us. Thank you to Abi and Tamblyn for your help and enthusiasm. Overall it was a successful and fun day even though we got caught in the rain.

~ Asha ~



Group Photo at Black Wattle Flat

(from left: Kara, Abi, Tamblyn, Joe, Asha and Terry)