

# The Aliens in Retreat

March 2010

A chronicle of Helderberg Hackery

Under the auspices of the Friends of the Helderberg Nature Reserve

## Into the garden



*A team effort: Madelie Skibbe, Klara van der Walt and Heléne Booyens show just a little of their morning's work.*

*Closely observed: a Cape Spurfwowl (Francolin) wanders by.*



For this hack we made our way into the central garden area of the Reserve. A couple of lurking pines were swiftly dealt with, but for the most part we were after *Pittisporum*. There was quite a lot hidden in the depths of the bushes and we were kept quite busy.

Joining us at the hack were six pupils from the Eco Committee of Bloemhof Girls' High school in Stellenbosch, who applied themselves very well. The hackers were Edward Silberbauer, Sue Fielden, Erika Dau, Don Reid, James Owens, Paulo Scholle, Gwyneth Allwright, Emlyn Allwright, Bienke Botha, Klara van der Walt, Heléne Booyens and Madelie Skibbe and James Silberbauer.



*She saws: Emlyn Allwright found and cut down quite a few large trees.*

*Broken foot: One of the tree poppers lost a fight with a tree.*



*Tough going: This tree proved rather tenacious. Above Klara van der Walt and Madelie Skibbe have a go. Below Paulo Scholle finishes the job.*



## Next Hack

The next hack will be held on Saturday 10 April 2010. Starting at 8:00am.

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