

The Aliens in Retreat

January 2012

A chronicle of Helderberg Hackery

Under the auspices of the Friends of the Helderberg Nature Reserve

Juvenile takes the lead



The juvenile duiker that led our hack.

Command of the hack was taken from us when a young duiker lay down beneath a bush at the side of the road. We were on our way to finish the second part of our hack further along the same road when the duiker came out of the bush, ambled ahead and settled in the shade.

Rather than disturb it by going past and continuing on to the next site we opted to retreat and work out of the way. Effectively commanded by the duiker!

Those serving under the duiker's watchful eye were Stephen Brown, Russell Kohler, Shane Kohler, John McNaught-Davis, Chris Muller, Leonie Schuman, Zynique Schuman, James Sinclair, Axel Sturmman, Alena Zhaliuzniak, Tiiu Zhaliuzniak and James Silberbauer.



Above and right: Working on the wall of the reservoir.

At the start of the hack we cleared a patch of mostly longleaf wattle and scotch thistle sprinkled with a few port jackson, beefwood, syringa and one large cotoneaster.

After the change of venue we concentrated on the slope of the dam wall which was home to a large number of scotch thistle and quite a few bugweeds.



James Sinclair and Shane Kohler remove longleaf wattle and scotch thistle.



Next Hack

The next hack will be held on Saturday 11 February 2012. Starting at 7:30am.

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