

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

Swifties Hit Town



Spot the Swift Parrot!

Our Red Flowering Gum (*E leucoxydon rosea*) is a battle ground - the combatants, who all want to own the tree, include Wattle Birds, New Hollands, Black Cockies, Rainbow Lorikeets and most recently, these guys, Swift Parrots, perfectly camouflaged in the canopy. (Hint: the Swiftie is the one with beak and feathers.)

And Talking of Birds - Our Next Workshops:
Bird Workshop, Sunday 19 February, 9.00 am to midday. Includes refreshments. We usually score about 20 species. Suitable for everyone from newbies to experts. We give a quick heads up on bird spotting and identification, then the Head Gardener leads the group on the grand bird spotting tour of Inverawe. \$30 per person, bookings essential ph 03 6267 2020.

Plant Workshop, Sunday 5 March, 130 pm to 4.00 pm, includes afternoon tea. Join the Head Gardener on a walking tour of the garden, where he will share with you all those techniques and tips that he learnt the hard way. Knowing your patch, plant selection, matching plants to place, how to stick them in the ground, care and maintenance, pruning, propagating, plus some other stuff as well, probably.

A Bit of a Blue



Dampiera diversifolia, a ground cover from WA

Our furry fiends like to munch this but it is a brilliant plant when they remember to leave it alone.

Flower Meadow



The Secret Garden, in full bloom

We've had a bit of rain this season and the paper daisies, and Poas, in the secret garden have responded accordingly. The Westringias are pretty pleased, too. Flower meadows, much larger than ours, were pioneered by gardens such as Great Dixter in the UK. Whilst our point of difference is natives, we draw on English Landscaping Principles for overall design.

Berry Well, Cop This Lot!



Tasmanian Snowberry, *Gaultheria hispida*

Snowberries grow in the wetter areas of Tasmania. We grow ours in pots, Inverawe not being wet enough. Are they edible? The blokes with fur think so. Once we move the pots out of our secure compound into the display area the berries last about a day or so. Pademelon? Possum? Potaroo? We don't know. Maybe it's Brother Bunny! The plant was first described and named by Robert Brown. *Gaulther* was a French Canadian botanist, *hispida* means rough or shaggy.

Our Own Tassie Tiger



Maloney, our model Tassie Tiger

Thylacines were around for maybe hundreds of thousands of years, dying out in Tassie in the 1930s. If they had lasted just a few more decades modern thoughts on the environment would have seen them protected and maybe survive. Here, light and shade highlight artist Lesley Perkins splendid modelling of the head. Although they were marsupials, the scientific name means, in part, "dog-headed". Lesley's rendering has a suggestion of both kangaroo, and dog. Maloney, of course, is a complete tiger, stripes and all!

The Thinking Gardener's Plant



Melaleuca nesophila - Showy Honey Myrtle

M. nesophila is from WA. It blooms in late summer, when some plants have given it away, and it blooms for an extended period. The top flower is past its best, middle flower right on, bottom flower coming next, and the buds, left, are also time sequenced. Some plants (Roses?) give you one flush and Bob's your uncle but natives...ahhh! The leaf bract, right is a *M. hypericifolia* and the strappy leaves behind are *Dianella*. One happy community!

The Blue Wren Brothers



Interstate visitors marvel at our prolific Blue Wrens... many mainlanders claim they haven't seen them in ages. Well, just visit us!

GARDEN HOSE

Hose has an inner life.
 dreams ,desires, hopes.
 Wants to be a hero,
 putting out fires,
 saving gardens.
 But is always frustrated,
 unfulfilled.
 And that's why
 hose hooks on all obstructions.
 That's why hose kinks.
 Frustrated ambition
 would kink us all.
 Opportunity seldom knocks.
 Not for Hose the heights of heroism
 but the hard graft of the commonplace.
 Be kind to Hose,
 a hero,
 waiting in the wings for that summons
 that never comes.
 We are all heroes in the recesses
 of our imagination
 Waiting for the call.
 Waiting.

And of Course...

When you visit Inverawe, buy the book...The Inverawe Story! Essays, poems, stories...

See you in the garden!

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 9 am, last entry 5.00 pm
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 Workshops are \$30 per person, includes tea and refreshments, bookings essential, full details on the front page of our website.