

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

Callistemon Muscle up for Big Season



Callistemon Pallidus "Clearview Father Christmas"

This little bloke is at the entrance to our Secret Garden. It didn't have a good season last year but this year looks fantastic. As a contrast to regular red Bottlebrush, it's worth persevering with. With ample Winter and Spring rain, the garden has never looked better.

And That's Not All!



Kunzia parvifolia

This plant with its dainty flowers is quite small, making it suitable for domestic gardens. Ours is on the Long Terrace, under the tree canopy, where it enjoys dry going and poor soil. Kunzias are tough guys of the native plant world. We also grow *K ambigua* with its dainty white flowers and *K baxteri*, the Scarlet Kunzia.

Our Next Workshops:

Bird Workshop, Sunday 20 November, 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. Other workshops on our website. Birds - 19 February, Plants - 5 March.

The bird Report



Brush (or Little) Wattle Bird

This is a young Brush Wattle Bird - some folks call them the Little Wattle Bird. With most bird species there doesn't seem much if any size difference between the parents and the youngster they're feeding but with Brush Wattle Birds, there is considerable size differences, and differences in colour - older birds seem darker in colour, with better pattern definition in their feathers. Brush Wattle Birds fight endless wars with our resident New Hollands. Nobody wins, nobody loses and nobody gets seriously hurt. On occasion they will join forces to let everyone know a Blue Tongue Lizard or other danger is on the block.

One of the Best Things About Grevilleas is:



Grevillea "Firecracker"

Our influx of Pademelons in the last dry spell had us looking for things they don't eat. They don't much care for Grevilleas so we've whacked a lot of those in, including this, well, Firecracker of a Grevillea. It's listed as a *G alpina x rosemarinifolia*. With parents like that it should be as tough as old boots. This is just a wee one at the moment so we'll see how it goes.

Crowd Stoppers



Isopogon formosus, - Cone Flower

This West Australian native is a real crowd stopper, about a metre high with erect growth habit. It needs a bit more moisture than it usually gets at Inverawe so for us it is somewhat ephemeral. This one is growing in a pot.

Hedging Your Bets

Yearn for something a bit more formal than Inverawe has to offer? Help is at hand! Correas, particularly *Correa alba*, hedge well, if you tip prune them from infancy (theirs, not yours). Westringias also do well. Interstate we saw a magnificent Callistemon (Bottlebrush) hedge, about a metre and a half high. The local parrots loved it. Callistemon take quite hard pruning. A visiting botanist suggested Prickly Box (*Bursaria spinosa*) hedged well but my attempts ended in tears. Every time I tip pruned them they threw up a new leader.

A Bit About Landscaping



The View

What makes a view? Foreground to catch the eye (pink *Thomasia*), middle ground (The Island in the Bay), something to pull your eye through the view (North Bruny, far distance), a frame (Blackwood, left, Eucs, right) and a sense you can "walk into" the view. The same rules apply if you've got a tiny terrace, where the eye puller might be a vase or urn. If you look at the English National Trust's Sissinghurst website, they have a couple of hundred photos to make the point. Start digging, team.

What People Say...

Absolutely beautiful gardens. Well done Jeff and Kelly, Hunter Valley NSW
A highlight of our Tasmanian visit
Richard, WA

Wonderful gardens, what a wonderful achievement, congratulations Margaret and Bill, Brisbane QLD

A very peaceful and pleasant garden to visit
Marg and John, Ipswich QLD

Very calming, reminded me of my home town in Scotland, Gary and Sarah

One Last Spring Flower - Just to Tempt you



Calytrix "Sullivan's Pink"

See you in the garden!



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