

Inverawe Native Gardens

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

Have we Got a Salt Marsh for You!



Salt Marsh, North West Bay

What's a salt marsh? It's where shore meets tide. Salt marshes feature carbon rich, peaty soils, plants specifically adapted to the zone between tides, and creepy-crawlies that live in the zone. They are in decline world-wide, due to reclamation for pasture and building sites. They are an important part of the ecology – here, of our Bay. The inhabitants of the salt marsh are an important part of the biological chain – lose these links and the Bay dies. Enjoy fish for supper? Learn to love salt marsh! Go talk to a salt marsh near you, soon.

We Do Workshops.



Norma took a workshop and won the lucky bouquet!

Want to grow great native plants, with flowers in abundance? Or attract native birds? We've got a workshop for you! Sunday 1 November, Create a Bird Friendly Garden, and Sunday 15 November, Plan a Native Garden. Bookings essential (phone 6267 2020) \$30pp, 1.30pm – 4.00pm, printed notes supplied, includes afternoon tea. We're getting positive feedback from people who have undertaken our workshops – don't miss out!

Blue Wren Brothers Log on For Duty.



Blue Wrens plot their next piece of mischief.

Any time I turn over fresh earth, a family of wrens turn up to supervise the work. The females are brown and grey drab – it's the boys that dress up in the wren world. They need some dense shrubbery nearby for refuge from predators and for nest sites. Although they live in family groups, Mr Wren is known to enjoy the occasional (ahem) dalliance. When I discussed this with a visiting wren expert she shook her head and laughed. "He thinks all those children are his", she said. Oh dear.

Diplarrena a Winner



Diplarrena latifolia

This is a monocot, a grassy sort of thing, that comes from the wetter parts of Tasmania. We grow ours in a pot, us not being very wet at all. After it finished flowering last year I put the pot in the back of compound, where he threw away his label (why do plants do that? Do they think it's funny?) but such a striking flower was easy to track down.

Paper Daisy Time



Paper Daisies (Xerochrysum bracteatum), Inverawe

Back in January, pre Covid19, Lorna, from Queensland, visited Inverawe and bought a packet of paper daisy seeds, took them back to Qld, planted them...and they are now 155cm tall. Ours normally get to about 100cm, but at 155cm, they are marginally taller than the smaller of the two Inverawe gardeners. Queensland, perfect one day, astonishing the next!

Now for Something a Bit Odd...



Melaleuca diosmafolia

With its well-ordered leaves, a somewhat candelabra growth habit and green bottlebrushes, *M diosmafolia* is a strikingly different plant. Ours have never looked better, so they probably enjoyed our wet Spring. They would make a different hedging plant. There are some reports they can be a bit weedy, so not near wilderness, please.



Westringia brevifolia, just brilliant!

The Picture I Don't Want you to See



Because I don't know what it is!

This a grassy sort of thing, which has also thrown its label away. (I planted it some years ago and with 22 acres, even I don't remember all the names) Growth habit like a diplarrena or dianella, flower spikes to 80cm, leaves to 40cm by 1cm wide. Flowers have six petals, small yellow centres and are 4cm across, multiple flowers on each stem, in flower right now on an east facing, dry slope. Is it a *Whalenbergia*? The yellow thing in the background is *Hibbertia aspera*, which are just fabulous this year. Any suggestions?

And Finally

It's been a great Spring for weeds, one of the best. That's the sign of healthy, well watered soil, so don't despair. It will soon be grass mowing season.

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