

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

If It's Autumn...It's Correa Time!



*Correa "Clearview Giant"*



*Correa "Dusky Bells"*



*Correa alba, pink prostrate form*



*Correa reflexa var nummularifolia*

Correas flower in Autumn and Winter, providing nectar for Honeyeaters when there is not much else around. There are heaps of species, sub-species, and cultivars. They are easily propagated from cuttings. Most of them can cope with poor soils and dry going. As understory plants they do better in part sun, part shade and can form dense mats that suppress weeds. Larger growing species can be hedged up to provide a dense, low hedge to a metre or so that gives plenty of cover for small birds. Tip pruning to maintain shape is about all the attention they need.

### Delegates Hit Town

A busload of delegates from the Australian Mangrove and Salt Marsh Network Conference, being held at CSIRO Hobart, added a trip to Inverawe to their field day. They were interested in our "pocket" salt marsh, on the eastern edge of the Parkland. The trip was organised by local salt marsh expert, Vishnu Prahalad, from UTAS.

The Bird Report



*A New Holland Honeyeater, in typical pose*

New Hollands are commonplace at Inverawe. How to get more native birds in your garden? Plant lots more natives! Not just nectar rich natives (some of those, natch) but also bushy things, mid story shrubs for nesting, and keep the cat indoors. If it's the neighbours' cat, buy a dog. A big dog. A very big dog. Just kidding, folks. Birds are very sensitive to the micro-environment. Create that and the birds will come.

**Reminder:** Inverawe is open 7 days a week, until the end of May, first entry 9.00 am, last entry 5.00 pm See you in the garden!

### Autumn Banksias



*Banksia marginata*

Our local Banksias. *B marginata* are in bloom for their autumn flush. For the really fancy WA Banksias, we'll have to wait for spring. *Callistemon viminalis* (below) are also doing their Autumn thing.



## Pruning



*Westringia "Wynyabbie Gem"*

A recent visitor said that his Westringias developed "die back" from the ground up. It was only after he left that the penny dropped - I wonder if he had not been tip pruning them? Without pruning, Westringias, and heaps of other natives, get very leggy, presenting an unedifying appearance of a bunch of sticks with a thatch of leaves on top. And yes, I'm guilty of not doing enough pruning but here, on the southern end of the long terrace, I prune regularly. Virtue is its own reward, my Nan used to say.

## Croweas



*Crowea "Festival"*

Croweas are small shrubs from SW, WA and SE Victoria. They are tough guys, requiring little water, despite their dainty appearance. They make good understory plants under our Eucalypts, flowering in Autumn. They have been a bit hard to get started because the Pademelons decided the Newbies were delicious (we all have problems) but I like them so much I must try harder to get more started.

### In Response to Popular Demand...

We've requests to run a workshop on how to encourage birds in your garden, so we'll do just that, 17 September 2017 and repeated on 4 March 2018. It will be a 1.30 pm start, winding up around 4.00 pm with afternoon tea and include printed notes and practical tips on plant selection and landscaping tips.

A full list of our workshops, including our popular Bird Spotting Workshops and our Native Plant Propagating Workshops is on the Inverawe website.

## Lilli-Pilli



*Syzygium australe, "Lilli-Pilli"*

If the swirling stamens of Lilli-Pilli don't put you in mind of the Can-Can, nothing will. We think it is too far south for this to be a long term prospect but we're keeping it in a pot and hoping for the best. We'll try and find a cosy little corner for it to winter over. For folk further north, there are plenty of garden cultivars.

### What People Say:

Nino and Margot B *"Thank you! A magical afternoon in this peaceful garden"*

Mike and Anne B, UK *"Fantastic garden. Really enjoyed all the plants and information -the birds and pademelon were a bonus".*

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From 9 am, last entry 5.00 pm  
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