

## Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

### Now – That's a Waratah



Waratah Shady Lady, *Grevillea curviloba*

We grow Waratahs in pots – there is an astonishing range now available. They also come in white and cream, but it's fire engine red for me! We've tried them in the ground and found them a bit unreliable – splendid flowers one year, not much the next but when you manage to get them to flower – superb! I'll just keep trying to find the right conditions.

### Native Currant



*Coprosma quadrifida*, Native Currant

Native currant grows naturally at Inverawe. These are the flowers. Our version is a thorny erect shrub to about 1.5M. I don't know if the fruit is edible as the birds beat me to them. The seeds are, consequently, widely distributed and sprout up everywhere. A Victorian website indicates they can get to 4M but that website also talked of 900mm annual rainfall. (I wish! – our average annual rainfall is 700mm)

### Our Local "Police" Birds



Pied Oystercatcher

Pied Oystercatchers raise the alarm anytime a raptor passes by. They nest on the shoreline and need to be very alert. If the gulls join in it is a Sea Eagle or Wedge Tail. Our New Holland Honeyeaters also have a range of alarm calls. Low level is a domestic spat, slightly stronger they are chasing other honeyeaters or maybe a Blackbird and a really serious alarm is for the Clinking Currawong, who I have seen pull New Holland nestlings from the nest. If they see a snake or a feral cat (rare sightings at Inverawe) they go into overdrive and other species join in. You can tell what they are up to by listening. In our long twilights New Hollands hawk for insects, rising almost vertically from the shrubbery, seizing an invisible (to us) insect and then falling back to their perch. They have a particular short call which means it's bedtime – suddenly all the New Hollands have disappeared into the trees and shrubs.

### Fringe Myrtle – Worth Finding a Space For



*Calytrix tetragona* – Fringe Myrtle

*Calytrix* is a small shrub, suited to a wide range of conditions. It flowers profusely in Spring. Ours is being monstered by a Westringia (white flowers in the background) so I will see if I can propagate it.

**Be a Wise Owl! – Take one of our workshops!**



**10 November – Plan a Native Garden.** The inside info on what you need to plan and construct a native garden.

**24 November – Arouse your Senses,** the Sensory Garden. Discover how Australian gardens play on the five senses. Early European visitors were awe struck at the strangeness of our plants – find out why

**19 January – Birds and Brunch.** Tour the garden with the Head Gardener, brush up on spotting techniques, maybe add a few birds to your list – then a bite to eat. Too good.

Workshop details are on our website.

**Leptospermum Leap into Flower**



Leptospermum “Copper Sheen”

Copper Sheen is a real crowd stopper when in bloom. The good news is that it has been available for decades so you should be able to get hold of one.

**And Another Thing...**



*Prostanthera ovalifolia* – Purple mint bush

This is a magic shrub. Ours is 2 to 3 metres tall, covered in blooms in late Spring and the colour is so intense it draws your eye through the landscape. I Haven’t had much luck with cuttings from this but I am going to have another crack at it after flowering. You never know your luck!

**THE PARK BENCH**

I'm a park bench.  
People sit on me.  
Don't laugh  
It's a job.  
Very secure.  
There's second-hand timber  
at the tip shop  
would give a lot  
to be a park bench.

While I'm at it,  
when you sit,  
don't  
Plomp!  
Had a friend,  
smashed to smithereens.  
Tragic end

Mind the birds!  
I think they do it  
deliberately.

Brother's a  
piano stool.  
Noisy damn bunch.  
Empty vessels, eh?  
I'm a seat with a mission  
tired travellers, weary wayfarers,  
peregrineaceous pilgrims,  
I'm right here, Standing sentinel.



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