

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden

From the Desert Country...Mulla-Mulla



A cultivar of Ptilotus exaltatus, Mulla-Mulla

I'm always looking for crowd stoppers. I found these in the local nursery. This is a cultivar, "Joey". Trawling the web shows it widely available, including in the USA. Californian visitors are often familiar with some of our native plants. The species comes from the arid parts of the mainland and talking of arid...it's been a bit dry recently. In our **Gardening Workshop on February 28** We will share our gardening tips with you - how to handle hot dry weather. (selection, planting, pruning, watering, mulching, and more) More info on our workshops is on our website www.inverawe.com.au

NSW Christmas Bush



Ceratopetalum gummiferum, NSW Christmas Bush

When I grew up in NSW, this was maybe the only native plant you were likely to see in gardens. The flowers are small and white but are succeeded by these vibrant red leaves. There are a range of cultivars now available. The ANBG website (www.anbg.gov.au), a cracker of a website) has it as a native of the Sydney basin but growing successfully in Canberra gardens. If it grows in Canberra it should grow almost anywhere (Sorry, Canberrans)

Nothing Like a Cool Bath in Warm Weather!



A very wet Black Headed Honeyeater

At this time of year a wide variety of birds cool off and have a quick drink at one of our water bowls. This Black Headed Honeyeater thought water bowl number one was just the ticket. Black Heads are Tasmanian endemics (found only in Tassie). Learn more about birds in gardens at our **Head Gardeners Bird Tour, February 21, 9.00 am start.**

One of the Locals



Wahlenbergia stricta

This little guy is a native and pops up here and there at Inverawe. It has these exquisite little blue flowers on long thin stems. From all accounts it is not impossible to propagate so I will put this in my "have a go" file. It is also native to other southern hemisphere countries, a link to Gondwanaland.

And Then There's the Wildlife



Mrs Pademelon with young Paddy, in pouch

If you look closely at this pic, you'll see young Paddy emerging from Mum's pouch. The Pademelons weren't here when we started, so they either hopped overland or caught the bus. (The 415 from Franklin Square, perhaps) The small dark shapes that hurtle through the shrubbery are probably Bettongs. The other day one fellow paused in the driveway and wagged his white tipped tail in the air. It clearly wanted us to know that it was a Potaroo, though even by Potaroo standards it was a magnificent white tipped tail.

Just in Case You've Forgotten the View!



The view down North West Bay toward Bruny Island

The view is the first thing most visitors notice. The island, part obscured by the Blackwood tree, left, is we think the one that Nicolas Baudin's crew used to set up their mess facilities, over 200 years ago. The headland, right middle distance is Dru Point, named by the French for the dense vegetation on it (Dru = thick, bushy, dense). The land left middle distance is Tinderbox, named after a French tinderbox that early British settlers found, clearly dropped by French explorers a few years earlier. Far distance is Bruny Island, named for Admiral D'Entrecasteaux. (He was Bruni D'Entrecasteaux)



Persoonia pinifolia, Geebung

The Book. (Which Book?)



Mr Blue, subject of one of our poems

The Flamboyant Mr Blue is the subject of one of the poems in the *Inverawe Story* but for counterbalance, the poem *Jenny Wren* sets the record straight. Well, wrens being wrens it seems they are all full of joyful exuberance, so to speak.

A consultant organised by Tourism Tasmania once said "but why here?" about Inverawe. Well, gee, the plants, the birds, the animals, the view, the history - it's all in the book.

See you in the garden!



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