

## **Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden is Open seven days a week till the end of May**

### **Native Laurel Struts its Stuff!**



*Anopteryx glandulosus* - Native Laurel

Native Laurel is a rainforest, wet Sclerophyll, type of plant, a large understory shrub. It needs much more water than we get, so we put them in pots and wheel them out when they are in bloom. They attract lots of attention from our visitors.

### **Swampy returns!**



Swampy the Swamp Harrier, on the wing

It's a rubbish shot but the only glimpse I get of Swampy is in flight, so that's the best I could get. In years past Swampy was a frequent sight over our part of North West Bay but in recent times they were missing. We thought that development might have squeezed them out but they're back! We know when they're in the neighbourhood because the local police (aka Pied Oystercatchers) put up a terrible fuss.



*Clematis microphylla*, native to Tas, excellent climber over a trellis. Native to other parts of Australia, too.

### **Phil and Kim Win the Lucky Gate Prize**



Phil and Kim with the bouquet

We've run a few events recently and at our "Plan a Native Garden" event Phil and Kim won the lucky gate prize, a large bunch of native flowers. They look well pleased. Our next event is "**Create a Bird Friendly Garden**" on **November 10**. **Details on our website**. We used to call these events, workshops but a recent participant complained we didn't give them any work to do, so suitably chastened, we're trying to call them events.

### **Did I tell You About My Waratah?**



Waratah "Shady Lady".

Our summers are a bit dry for Waratahs but they are OK in pots. Legend has it that Shady Lady was a natural cross between the NSW and Victorian Waratahs, in a Melbourne garden, which that very observant gardener noticed. So you know what to do - walk around your garden, eyes down, looking for volunteer plants. You might just find the next "Shady Lady"!

### **In the garden:**

Many flowers this season. As they finish, I will take cuttings, and plant seeds that I collected last year. Never know when they'll come in handy.

## No, not an Alien from Outer Space



Kangaroo Paw, cultivar.

This is a short stemmed cultivar. We have them in pots and use them as show stoppers when in flower. They don't always come back for another year but sometimes do. As they finish flowering we put them in the compound and hope if we talk nicely to them, they will give us at least a second season.

## Anyone for Egg and Bacon?



*Eutaxia obovata* - "Egg and Bacon"

Spring flowering *Eutaxia obovata* was a crowd stopper this Spring. It grows to about a metre high and a metre wide. It has the habit of closing up its leaves when it is a bit dry, so you always know when to water it. One clever bush!



*Prostanthera ovalifolia* is just a purple haze in Spring. As a mass planting or hedge they would be a knockout. I'm going to take lots of cuttings.

## Clinking Currawong



Making a point

Mr Currawong presented back to camera to highlight his white feathers. He hates being mistaken for a Crow!

With his evocative, clinking call, whilst it is in flight, I am instantly transported to the Coast Track in the South West, one rainy afternoon about thirty years ago. He was flying in and out of rain mist, across the head of the bay and sounded like a creature from another age. I think this one must have a nest somewhere around Inverawe.

## Workshops (sorry, events)

**November 10 for Create a Bird Friendly Garden**, and then more in the New Year. Details are on our website.



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Garden closes 6.00 pm  
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