



Newsletter #18 February 2010 Edition

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Hot in February!

Summer humidity and rainfall can produce a great display in the garden. Lots of summer flowering trees and shrubs are looking fantastic at the moment. It is hard to miss the blooms on the many varieties of flowering gums at this time of year. Look out for Summer Red, Lollypops, Wildfire, and Orange. What a great gift for Valentines Day.

Also available at the moment is *Persoonia pinifolia* which have a long flowering period.

See you in the nursery soon,
Dave, Paul, Kath and Narelle



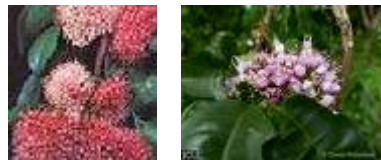
Persoonia pinifolia

What's new in the nursery!

Euodia alleryana - Corkwood

Fast growing large shrub or small to medium tree. Excellent shade tree with masses of delicate pink flowers which appear along the branches in summer. Likes well drained soil and an open, sunny position. Prune hard in spring and well watered in summer.

Height: 6-9m. Butterfly attracting.



Aceratium 'Flamingo Belle' – Aceratium ferrugineum 'Rusty Carabeen'

Ornamental medium to large shrub. Large dark green leaves with rust coloured new growth. Flowers hang in large clusters along the branches, are bell shaped and bright pink, followed by bright red, edible fruit in summer. Grows in a well drained, open position with protection from wind.

Height: 3-5m.



What's on in February!

The Royal National Parks and Wildlife Service Friends, have produced a newsletter that includes a full calendar of events from January to March 2010.

A few of the events being held are as follows:

Monday 1st Feb. Bush Regeneration Burning Palms @ 9.30am.

Saturday 6th Feb. Bush Regeneration Audley @ 9am.

Thursday 18th Feb. Australian Plant Society Meeting.

Sunday 21st Feb. Australian Plant Society Walk.

Sunday 28th Feb. Royal Bush Regeneration Training.

For more information about these events and for other events in February, contact:
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What's flowering in February!

No matter what your colour preference, there is always something flowering to suit your garden.

Blue - Dampiera stricta
Wahlenbergia – Native Bluebell



Purple - Scaevola spp. – Fan Flower
Thysanotus spp. – Fringe Lily

Pink - Bauera rubioides – River Rose
Euromyrtus ramosissima –
Rosy Heath Myrtle



Red - Blandfordia nobilis – Christmas Bells
Lambertia formosa – Mountain Devil

Yellow - Banksia integrifolia – Coast Banksia
Persoonia pinifolia – Pine-leaf Geebung
Tristanopsis laurina – Water Gum



White - Acacia parramattensis –
Parramatta Green Wattle
Eucalyptus haemastoma –
Scribbly Gum
Pimelea linifolia – Rice Flower



Green - Lomatia myricoides –
Long – leafed Lomatia

Fungal Diseases in Humid Weather

Fungal diseases in native plants are often seen as the following.

Black mould on leaves, known as sooty mould. Scale and aphids are the pests that cause sooty mould.

Powdery mildew is seen as white powdery spots on leaves.

Phytophthora cinnamoni attacks the root tips and symptoms include plant wilt and demise in a matter of days. Drainage is usually the problem that causes this fungus.

Prevention

The key to preventing fungal diseases in humid weather is to avoid overhead watering which leaves moisture to collect on leaves. Good drainage is also a must. Pots are susceptible to fungal attack and mulching with sugar cane in pots should be avoided. If symptoms are noted early enough a fungicide can be used as a drench to stop fungal attack.



'NEW' Grafted Eucalypts

Corymbia ficifolia FAIRY FLOSS

A small tree with a dense canopy. A stunning display of pink flowers in summer with urn-shaped capsules to follow. A spectacular feature tree. Likes a well drained, sunny position. Prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape.

Height: to 6m

Width: to 4m



Corymbia ficifolia BABY SCARLET

Small tree suited to screen or avenue planting, also great as a feature. Flowers are a deep scarlet and are abundant from summer to autumn. Needs well drained soil in full sun to partial shade.

Height: to 3m

Width: to 3m



Corymbia citriodora SCENTUOUS

Striking specimen tree with a smooth white bark and very aromatic lemon foliage. Likes a full sun position in well drained soil. Flowers are white/cream in clusters.

Height: to 6m

Width: to 5m

