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HABITAT PLANTS - Tasmanian Plant Nursery. By Ann Bienvenu



On a trip to Tasmania in spring 2017 we visited this very interesting nursery opened in 2002 by Sally and Herbert Staubmann to grow and sell indigenous Tasmanian plants for revegetation, farm shelter, wildlife corridors, public places and home gardens.

We stayed in Deloraine and travelled to the nursery nestled in native bushland in the Great Western Tien's. The drive was through picturesque mountains along a narrow windy gravel road with large trees and lots of wildlife.

The Nursery with a backdrop of DRY'S BLUFF was very well set up along paths through the bush and large rocks.

ABROTANELLA FORSTEROIDES
Tasmanian Cushion plant



The mostly small size plants were with very affordable prices and well cared for, set up on stands along the paths.

The property is off the grid and they have their own supply of water and in winter is often covered by 6 inches of snow, so the plants are grown tough.

They have an integrated pest management program to encourage local wildlife which in turn help with weed and pest control.

We came home with some new plants to try—don't know if they will survive our hot climate but I tried to get plants that said dry on the label.

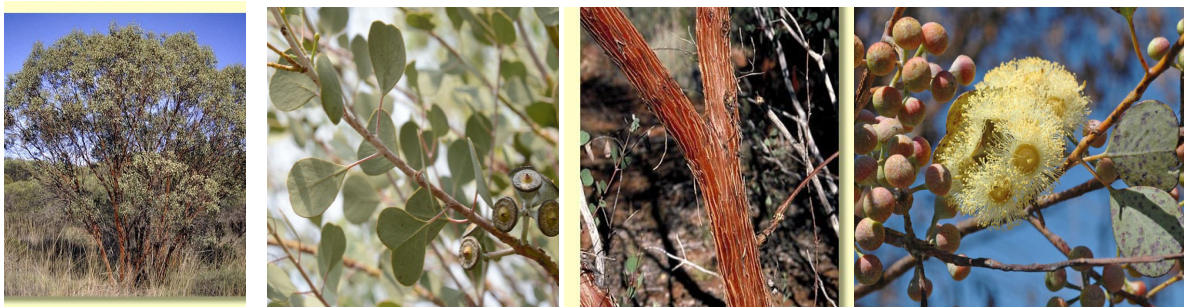
If visiting Tasmania make time to visit this lovely place.

EUCALYPTUS SYNANDRA (skirt mallee) by Barry Teague.

It is a mallee growing between 3-5 metres tall, which casts little shade and allows you to grow plants beneath. The adult leaves are long and narrow 60-220mm long, 6-15mm wide dull green in colour. Buds and fruits are in groups held pendulous on long groups and individual stalks. Buds with sharply cone-shaped to beaked bud caps. The flowers open cream and age to pinkish with stamens forming a partial tube not spreading. Synandra is a rare plant found in the northern wheatbelt and adjoining pastoral rangelands of south west WA. It likes a full sunny position with warm to hot conditions in well drained soil. One of the best small eucalyptus to grow in the garden as it is lignotuberous , it can be cut back regularly and will regrow from the base.



EUCALYPTUS WEBSTERIANA (websters mallee) is a mallee growing between 2.5-5 metres tall. Usually multi stemmed from a lignotuber. The bark is minniritchi type. The adult leaves are a dull blue-green and heart shaped and often notched at the top, small 18-45mm long, 9-30mm wide. Buds and fruits are in groups of 7 on slender and individual stalks. The flowers are a pale yellow and bird attracting. Websteriana is restricted to the goldfields and adjoining desert areas of WA. It has a small compact crown non competitive root system which allows you to grow other plants beneath it. Websteriana should be grown in gardens that are well drained and hot dry conditions.



EUCALYPTUS PREISSIANA(bell fruited mallee) is a mallee 2m-4m tall multi-stemmed from a lignatuber. Rounded crown often adult leaves oval shaped 60-130mm long 25-70mm wide a dull blue green. The buds and groups of fruit are in 3's flowers are a bright yellow. Preissiana is restricted from west of Esperance to west of Albany along the coast. It is best grown as a multi stemmed shrub. It prefers sandy soils and grows well in limestone soils. It is mildly frost and drought tolerant.





The Great Plant Out 2018 is about to begin!

Look out for details and seeds in the March issue of *Growing Australia*.

What is the Great Plant Out?

It's a Victoria-wide event in which APS Vic members can participate in at their leisure. It's also a way to promote Australian native plants to the wider community.

If all members get involved, come spring there will be little pockets of Everlastings on display in gardens across Victoria.

So, inform your groups members of the Great Plant Out and encourage them to join in.

Its as simple as: **SOW, GROW, ADMIRE.**

Information for all members, there is a NEW PASSWORD for the members only area on APS Vic's website.

It can be found on page 2 of the March *Growing Australia*.

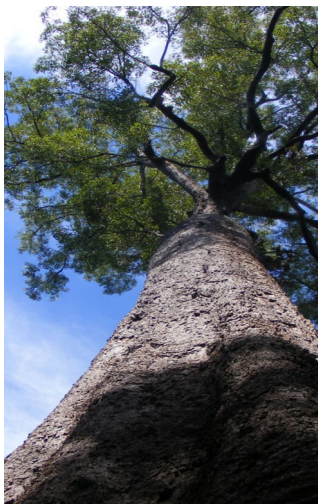
The seed bank list is also in the March edition of *Growing Australia* and that everyone is entitled to send away for 6 packets of seed. All details of how to do that is written with the

Old Bottlebutt by Linda Coote

'Old bottlebutt' is the largest and most unusual Red Bloodwood (*Corymbia gummifera*) in the Southern Hemisphere. It has a massive girth of more than 16m just above its base and is recorded in the National register of big trees and International register of wide girth trees. It has an estimated age of over 200 years and is 53.8 metres high.

A butt swell is an expansion of the lower end of the tree trunk above and beyond the usual stump flare found in all species. Butt swell is a natural development, apparently activated by wetness of the site, but it is in no way related to tree injuries. Trees with butt swell are sometimes called churn or bottle-butt.

People in photo are Linda's daughter Sarah and friend Matt, to give you an idea of the size of the butt.



APRIL'S GARDEN by Lorraine Mathews

Banksia media can be both a large shrub of up to 10mtrs and a more prostrate form, both forms having large flowers in varying shades of yellow. A very hardy plant it copes with 300 + rainfall and grows in sandy to clay soil. Grown from seed Banksia media will flower in approx. 5 years.



Eucalyptus tetragona (pleuracarpa)

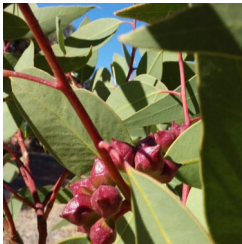
It's appealing combination of grey foliage and mealy white nuts makes it a sort after product in the florist industry. Euc tetragona grows in well drained sandy soil, a very straggly tree responds well to pruning.



Eucalyptus tetragona load ready to be packed into boxes and transported to Melbourne Flower market in Epping. Agents distribute the product to Florists around Melbourne and Victoria.

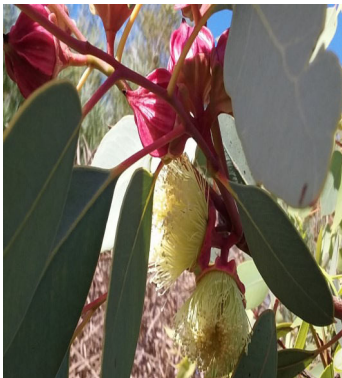
Eucalyptus sessilis

A smallish mallee to about 3 metres with distinctive red buds opening to creamy flowers in Autumn.



Eucalyptus pachyphylla

being a similar species and naturally found in Central Australia therefore it requires full sun, well drained soil. Like Euc sessilis the buds are red but coarsely ribbed and opening to cream flowers.



Banksia menziesii; it can grow to 10 metres but the dwarf variety will only get to 2-3 metres. Growing in a well drained sunny position, the pinkish gold flowers are popular in floristry, the actual color varying with the temp. Grown from seed it will flower at 5-7 yrs.



Eucalyptus macracarpa

These magnificent trees reach up to 5 metres and prefer good drainage in full sun. The buds develop between the large grey leaves and will open to the largest flowers of the Eucalypt species.



Eucalyptus youngiana.

Growing to 8-10metres and also a hardy tree from drier areas, beautiful cream yellow to crimson flowers emerge from large heavily ribbed bud caps.



Dryandra quercifolia.

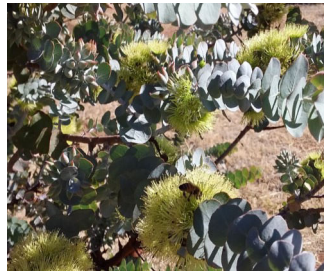
It grows up to 2 metres, attractive yellow buds and flowers amidst prickly foliage in Autumn. It will grow from cuttings and seed. Prefers good drainage and full sun.



APRIL'S GARDEN by Lorraine Mathews continued.

Banksia ashbyi.

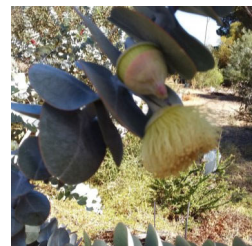
Banksia ashbyi is a large tree of up to 8 metres, the flowers are up to 15cm long and bright orange very attractive to birds and insects. Grown from seed it will flower at about 5 years.



Eucalyptus kruseana, a low growing mallee of 2-4 metres. This small tree is attractive both with or without flowers, in Autumn the clusters of buds along the stem open to lime green flowers contrasting with the soft grey of the book leaf leaves. It prefers a well drained sunny position.

Eucalyptus rhodantha

Closely related to Eucalyptus macracarpa, a smaller tree up to 4 metres and the crimson or rarely yellow flowers are pendulous.



Photos from the propagation evening held at the Lion's Den Wednesday 21st March 2018



Thank you to Linda, Ros and Anne for the photos.

*An enjoyable and productive evening was had by the feedback that I have heard.
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Thank you to all the contributions to the newsletter for this edition.

Without these contributions the newsletter would not be possible.

Could you all give some thought towards the next newsletter and your contributions can be sent through to me anytime now ready for the next one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR LODDON MURRAY APS GROUP

Wednesday April 25th; General meeting and guest speaker presentation by Paul Kennedy.
7.30pm at the Lion's Club rooms. Supper duty Linda Coote.

Saturday May 19th; Outing to Wirra-lo wetlands at Benjeroop. More details to follow.

Wednesday June 27th; AGM and General meeting . 7.30pm at Lion's Club rooms.
Supper duty Jenny Hewitt and Brenda Matthews.

Saturday August 12th; Outing to Parkers garden at Wandella.

Wednesday August 29th; General meeting. 7.30pm at Lions Club rooms. Specimen table talk. Supper duty The Mathews and Yvonne Campbell.

Weekend of September 22nd/23rd or 29th/30th. Overnight outing to Underbool and surrounds.

Weekend of October 20th/21st FJC Rogers Seminar. Horsham details in Growing Australia.

Wednesday October 24th; General meeting 7.30pm at Lions Club rooms. Guest speaker is Russell Waite. Supper duty Marion Kostanski and the Hall family.

Weekend of November 24th/25th. Outing to the Australian Garden, Cranbourne.

Saturday December 8th Christmas Break up, venue to be confirmed.

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