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August 2014 Newsletter

General Meeting Times

The next TENPS meeting will be held on *Thursday August 21st 2014*. Meetings are usually held at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month at Marrara Christian College, on the corner of Amy Johnson Avenue and McMillans Road. The meeting is followed by a chance to meet with other members and access the TENPS reference Library over a cuppa. Bring your plants along to swap, sell or have identified. The guest speaker presentation commences around 8pm. All are welcome.

Field trips are usually on the weekend following the Meeting, details provided in the newsletter or at the meeting.

What's in Flower?



Brachychiton diversifolius photographed by Russell Dempster at Douglas Daly.

Natives mean more!

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Upcoming TENPS Speakers

August 21st: Neil Smit - Seagrasses

September 18th: Marissa Fontes - Landscape Architect Outsidesign.

October 16th: Sue McKinnon - Cycad surveys at TWP

November 20th: AGM - Ian Morris - Plants of Economic Significance to Indigenous People of East Arnhem Land.

TENPS Field Trip & other events

August 16: Kristin Metcalfe - Mangrove presentation and walk (see poster in this newsletter for more information)

August 23-24: "Survival of the Fittest" Open Garden and TENPS plant sale at 60 Barker Road Howard Springs. *Volunteers needed to help with stall and the gate, if you can help please email us.*

September 7: Threatened Species Day (TBC)

September 11: Deck chair Cinema movie night (see poster in this newsletter for more information).

September 20: Propagation Workshop hosted by TWP.

October 18: Visit Cox Peninsula rainforests led by Russell Dempster.

November 22: Tour of Significant Trees in Darwin (TBC).

November 29: TENPS Plant Sale at Coolalinga.



Sesbania formosa photographed by Russell Dempster at Douglas Daly.

NT Field Naturalist Club Events

Monthly Meetings are held at **Charles Darwin University**, in **Blue Building 1, Room 1.54** Business Faculty, usually on the second Wednesday of every month (except January), starting at 7:45 pm.

Field Trips are a great way to explore the best of Darwin area's nature spots in the company of like-minded people. These are usually held on the Sunday following the monthly meeting and often related to the topic of this meeting. Additional outings are held from time to time, and everyone is welcome.

July Meeting Report - Emma Lupin: Land for Wildlife

Emma Lupin has recently begun to work with the Land for Wildlife project. The LFW is a voluntary property registration scheme to help landowners manage natural biodiversity and conserve and improve native bush.

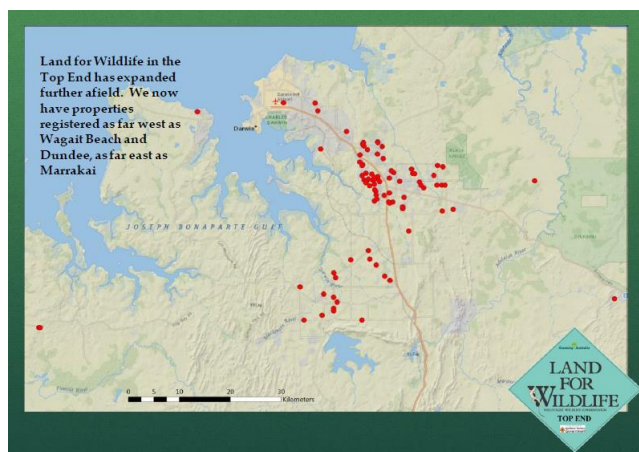
The scheme started in Victoria in 1981 through the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Now all the eastern states plus NT have Land for Wildlife programs. It is not run centrally but through many different

TENPS Committee Meeting

Committee meetings are held every second month and members are most welcome to attend. The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday **1st October 2014** at 7.30 pm in the Community Room, Drysdale Electoral Office Shop A3 Palm Plaza 17 University Avenue.

organisations. Tasmania is ahead with 54000 hectares within the scheme compared to NT with 8000.

Alice Springs has a consultancy with Bill Low of Low Ecological Services. The Top End is run through Greening Australia with Ecolink also involved but only till next year when a fee-for service might be introduced. In Alice Springs they have 2800 hectares in Land for Wildlife as well as Gardens for Wildlife for small landholders, with 200 members. Emma wants to introduce it here as well.



Top End Land for Wildlife properties (*above*) are mostly rural and private. Some are corporate e.g. Darwin Airport where the land is owned by the Commonwealth and Defence Department. It is mostly intact and Defence personnel are actively caring for it.

Land for Wildlife land is mostly woodland, marginal riverine and lagoon areas, sandsheet and monsoon forest. The scheme aims to educate landholders on how to protect wildlife, manage fire and weeds. The program has a newsletter where members can contribute articles to share their knowledge and experience, and hold workshops 2 or 3 a year. An agreement is made between members and Land for Wildlife, but it is non-binding and is not listed on the land title. Members undertake to keep to their present management plan. Large blocks must have at least 1 hectare intact. They can integrate nature conservation with other land uses.

Assessments cover landscape type, how much is intact, the weeds and the plants. If the land is all cleared, the owner can work towards improvement but will need another check before a sign will be given. A more binding agreement can be made with Natural Resource

Management i.e. covenants on private land. These are no longer being promoted but you can contact NRM to get one.

Emma wants to get a bigger presence on line. There will be better promotion, but perhaps not much more since there isn't enough people to do the assessments! Emma also wants to develop a data base linking similar projects to Land for Wildlife together.



We thank Emma for her presentation.

*Article by Liz Howells,
Images taken from Emma Lupin's presentation.*

July Field Trip Report – Land for Wildlife at Virginia

On Saturday July 19th a small number of TENPS members converged on Virginia Road to visit Russell and Penny's Land for Wildlife property.



Members enjoying the rainforest area of Russell's garden.

The block consists of 5 acres of natural bush planted into different areas; some areas of purely top end natives and other areas with a mixture of NT and Queensland species.



Sophora longipes.



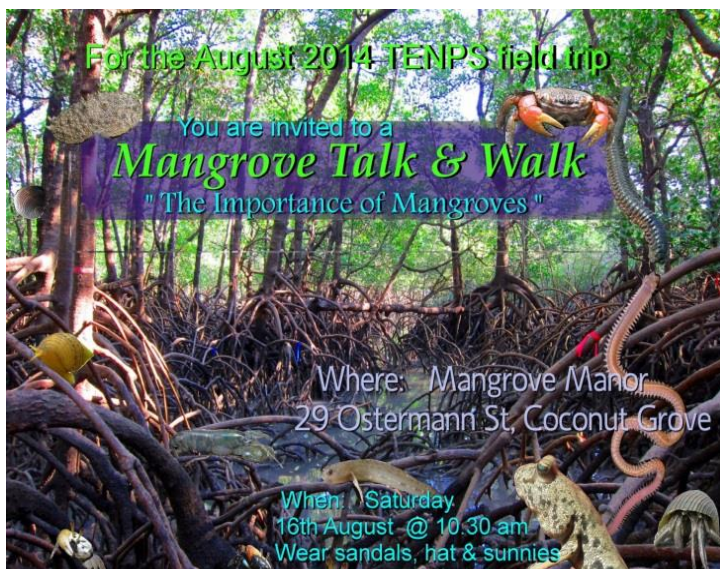
Pittosporum mollucanum.



Meiogyne cylindrocarpa.

Thanks to Russell and Penny for sharing their corner of paradise.

Article by Sarah Hirst, photos by Russell Dempster.



Deckchair Cinema Movie Night

TENPS and Calma Gardens are hosting a joint fundraiser evening at Deckchair Cinema screening *Casablanca* on September 11th.

Your assistance is needed in the lead up to this event so if you are able to help with any of the following:

- Distribute posters and flyers (attached) to promote the event and tell all your friends.
- Donate a bottle of wine for raffle – target is 1 dozen bottles.
- Sell raffle tickets (wine as above).
- Bake cupcakes/cookies/slices to sell on the night.

On the night we need volunteers to:

- Deckchair Cinema entry cashier.
- Cook BBQ (burgers and onions) on the night.
- Help with clean up on the night.

Please **contact Ingrid 0439 906 094** to let her know what you are good at... or what you could help with.



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6.30pm)



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