



Newsletter

Conserving and restoring from forest to foreshore



Crinum pedunculatum Swamp Lily - Image by Alison Ratcliffe

Welcome to this September newsletter with the beautiful bloom of the Swamp Lily, now in flower.

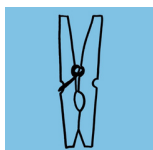
A wonderful and hardy perennial shrub with broad strappy leaves and eye-catching tall white fragrant flowers. The flowers are followed by large round beaked seeds that will germinate where they fall from the mother plant or even sometimes still attached!

A very useful plant for a wide range of challenging conditions - growing in full sun or shade, under trees, in poorly drained swampy sites or in sandy dunes. It can also tolerate frost. They do get targeted by the smooth black, white and yellow striped caterpillars of the moth *Spodoptera picta* which can demolish a young plant very quickly. Also, snails and slugs find the large fleshy leaves tasty, so keep an eye on them and treat at the first sign of attack.

Happy onward reading - we hope you find items of interest in this month's BVL newsletter.

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As a Publinc member, not only do you get discounts on food and drinks at Hotel Brunswick, but you can donate your points to a local charity



This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Program. A collaboration of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW supported by the NSW Government.

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2024 Landcare NSW State Gathering



The North Coast Regional Network crew, representing

In late August over 160 Landcarers and community partners from across the state made their way to Manly as part of the NSW Landcare Enabling Program State Gathering. The venue got A+++ marks - we were hosted at the Quarantine Station at North Head, overlooking the magnificent Sydney Harbour.

We were welcomed to Dhurug Country by Aunty Leanne King, who, through a smoking ceremony, told us about her people's efforts to bring language back to Country.

The theme for this year's conference was Adaptation & Innovation. It's always inspiring to be around Landcarers from all reaches of NSW to hear about their projects, challenges and successes. Some highlights from the Conference were:

- Paul Ryan from the Australian Resilience Centre "Icebergs and Bushfires: Some Tools for Working with Change"
- "Bush to Bowl" - 100% Aboriginal owned, by Clarence Bruinsma (Yaegl) and Adam Byrne (Garigal/Gadigal). Bush to Bowl is a social enterprise aimed at creating a healing space and platform for First Nations people by connecting to Country and their traditional foodways.
- "Team Penguin" - we heard from Bev Prior & Murray Sharp, two of the Volunteer Penguin Wardens patrolling breeding areas nightly on the beaches to protect Manly's Little Penguins, the only breeding colony on the NSW mainland.

This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Enabling Program, a collaboration between Landcare NSW and Local Land Services supported by the NSW Government.



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Update from Heritage Park & Maslen Arboretum

article and images courtesy of Dianna Hughes



Students from Hinterland Christian School visited the Arboretum earlier in the month to learn about the trees. They liked it so much they returned a fortnight later to do an activity I thought they'd enjoy. I organised a delivery of hardwood chips and armed with buckets, and a lot of enthusiasm, they created three paths off the main dirt one to lead into 'secret places' and finally a track to the giant bird bath.

Works are about to commence on 'renovating' Heritage Park and Maslen Arboretum - a 2m wide path, with the Arboretum being paved with a solid path, boardwalks over drains and upgrades to the playground.

The off-leash dog area will be relocated to the former parking area that accessed the boat ramp, which will then be turfed. Council has plans to revegate the river banks in the vicinity of the old boat ramp.



A note from the BVL team - if you haven't been down to Heritage Park and Maslen Arboretum lately, next time you're in Mullum with some time to spare, a visit it totally worth it.

And if you'd like to get involved, Heritage Park Landcare meet Saturdays 9am - 11am. Contact Diana Hughes bromspot@gmail.com



BVL PROJECTS UPDATE

Junior Landcare workshops
Upper Coopers Creek P.S. & Ocean Shores P.S.



Top L: Felicity with Ocean Shores P.S. students learning the art of weeding. Top R: Rochelle Merdith led students on a wetland walk. Images: Alison Ratcliffe.

Left and centre: Simon Kennedy getting down to planting details with students of Upper Coopers Creek P.S. Images: Sue Haining

Ray Moynihan and his Junior Landcare team continue their journey with local primary school students and their communities, learning about native plants endemic to our area and how, and where to best plant them.

The concept is to connect local schools with their local Landcare network or locality group to forge ongoing relationships. For the Upper Coopers Creek Public School workshop on August 21, Sandra Kaji O'Grady and Simon Kennedy from the newly established Upper Coopers Creek Landcare group were there to support the students. 120 plants were successfully planted. For the Ocean Shores Public School workshop on September 11, Ocean Shores Landcare's Felicity Watsford represented and pitched in, with her weeding demonstration turning out to be a total winner with the kids. More of that please!

Huge thanks to Sandra, Simon and Felicity for your time and energy invested into this project.

"Junior Landcare in the Northern Rivers: rejuvenation, regeneration, restoration" is a project made possible through funding from FRRR



BVL PROJECTS UPDATE

Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) project

With funding support from North Coast Local Land Services (NCLLS) through the Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) program, Brunswick Valley Landcare have been working at a number of sites within our network impacted by the 2019-2020 fires and then the extreme weather event of 2022 with flooding and massive landslips.

The North Coast region is renowned for its nationally significant environmental assets. The impact of these multiple landscape-changing events on priority flora, fauna and landscapes of the NSW North Coast were significant each in their own right and only further magnified by repetition within a short space of time.

The initial landslip response was originally coordinated at regional level by the awesome team at Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare Network (BRRVLN). Landcare absolutely showed up in support of landholders in a time of shock, devastation and loss.

NCLLS then made extension to that first response funding which has allowed BVL, through the professional Regen Contractor teams engaged, to continue working at project sites over the course of the last nine months. Each site displayed varying degrees of impacts, each with its own unique set of challenges. But there was one common thread - the ongoing threat to Endangered Ecological Communities posed by the dispersal of invasive weed species. Following a tour of some of the project sites last week, the NCLLS team were impressed with regeneration outcomes to date. In ongoing partnership with NCLLS, BVL continues to advocate for future funding streams to be invested in the recovery and repair needed in our Endangered Ecological Communities. Both BVL and our project landholders are very grateful for the support.



Restoration and regeneration in progress at two BVL sites.
Images: Northern Rivers Ecological



BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Please slow down for koalas

Over recent weeks, two koalas have been hit by cars around the golf club area on Broken Head Road.

One was killed, one was taken into care.

Byron Shire Council (and a mob of other organisations and locals) are pleading with motorists to please slow down for koalas!

It's koala breeding season right now so they are on the move.

If you do see a sick or injured koala please call the Koala Rescue Line 24 hours on (02) 6622 1233.

Shout out to the amazing network of rescuers and carers out there - but let's give them one less job to do by slowing down and keeping eyes out for koalas near roads.

**WATCH OUT
FOR KOALAS
WHEN DRIVING**

**It's breeding season
from June - December**

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Introducing

CRITTER CORNER!

Bush Stone-curlew *Burhinus grallarius*



Bush Stone Curlew over camouflaged eggs, image by Reid Waters
(supplied by Byron Shire Council)

Ah, Bush Stone-curlews, you most strangely mesmerising of birds, we just had to feature you in our inaugural Critter Corner segment.

In NSW, the Bush Stone-curlew is an Endangered species, and in most of the state their numbers are declining. In the Tweed Shire, there has been active management and monitoring of curlews and now their numbers are increasing. As a result, curlews are expanding into Byron Shire - let's give them a safe home.

It's Bush Stone-curlew nesting season, so time to keep your eyes peeled so as not to disturb an active nest or threaten emergent chicks.

CRITTER FACTS

Bush Stone-curlews, also known as bush thick-knee, are large birds, 55-60cm in height and masters of camouflage. They are most active at night. They hang around well lit areas (like roads) at night feeding on bugs attracted to lights so they are very vulnerable to road strike. They also feed on small vertebrates including frogs, lizards, snakes and mice. Curlews will also eat small seeds and fruits. They obtain moisture from their food and do not need surface water for drinking.

Breeding season across Australia is August to January. The nest may be a shallow unlined scrape beside a low bush or log. Both parents incubate the eggs for 28-30 days. Near time of hatching, the sitting bird may lie flat when approached.

Chicks walk within hours and run around on the ground for 6-8 weeks before they can fly so they are very vulnerable – especially to things like getting caught on a road because they're too little to get up the kerb (the same applies for other ground-nesting birds with puffball chicks, such as Masked Lapwings).

The Bush Stone-curlew's call is a very distinct loud, eerie, wailing 'weer-loo', which is mostly heard at night; each call rises, strengthening, building faster to a climax before trailing away.

The Bush stone-curlew inhabits open forests, grassy woodlands and most commonly in our area, around maintained grassed areas, sports fields, even nature strips.

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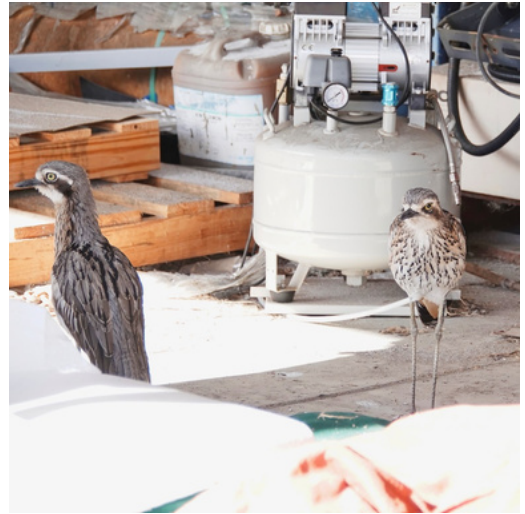
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CRITTER CORNER

Bush Stone Curlew *Burhinus grallarius*



A wide wing display is one way in which Bush Stone-curlews try to distract potential predators away from their nests. Photo by Scott O'Keeffe.



Resident pair of curlews at Byron Shire Council's Depot. Photo by Reid Waters.

PRACTICAL CURLEW CONSERVATION MEASURES

- Minimise disturbance of curlew nesting areas by restricting human and pet access, such as leashing your dog while walking in a park.
- Do not approach nesting curlews, especially with a dog.
- Do not place food near curlew nests (well-meaning but ill-advised). Even the residual smell of food can attract animals, including predators which can kill curlews and their chicks.
- Assess an area before undertaking gardening or maintenance. Curlews on their nests, and their eggs, are well camouflaged and can be easily overlooked by gardeners. Avoid working within ten metres of a curlew nest.
- Fence woodland remnants that are known or potential curlew habitat areas, and leave fallen branches and debris on the ground.
- Use wildlife-friendly fencing that allows curlews to move and spot predators.
- Report sightings of pest animals and assist local government to manage wild dogs, feral cats and foxes.

And if you live in Byron Shire or the Tweed, please report any Bush Stone Curlew sightings. You can do so at the link below. Thank you.

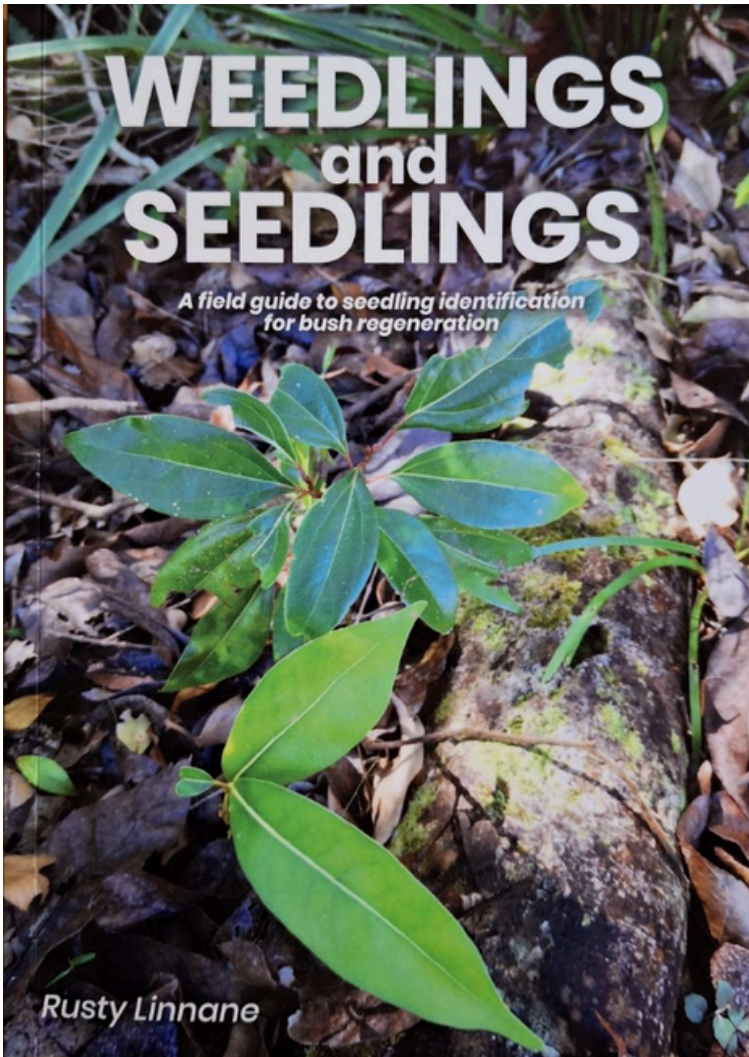
<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/59d9762929a94a929d95ffc2a6f64dab>

Information for this article was sourced from Byron Shire Council, NSW Environment & Heritage, Australian Birds (Morecombe & Stewart) and SEQLD Land For Wildlife.



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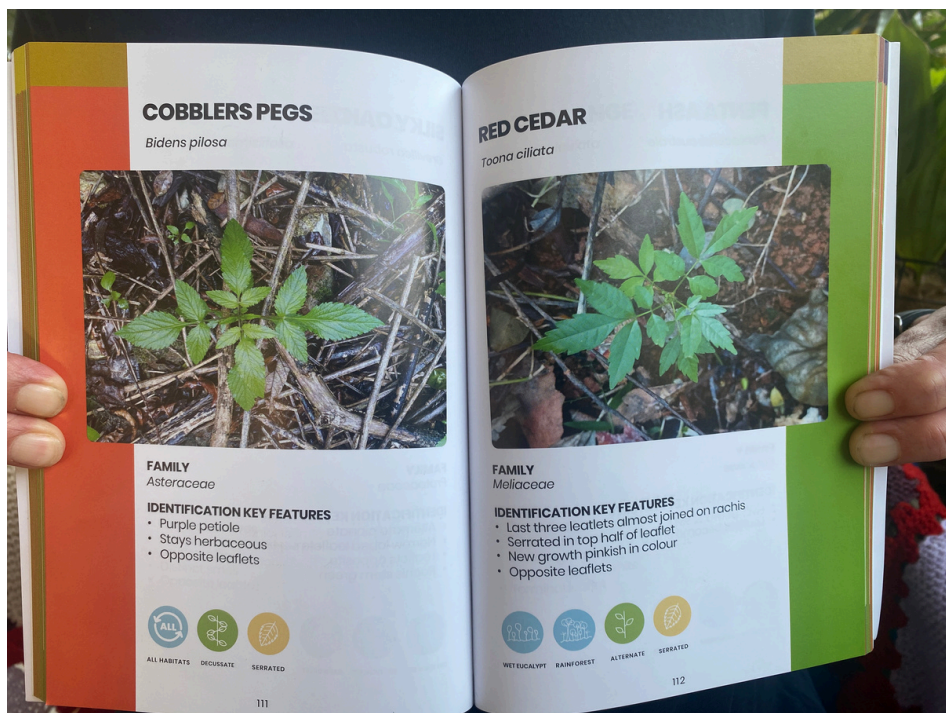
Resource Recommendation



BVL recently got our hands on a copy of this amazing guide. If you haven't seen it already it is 100% recommended reading for anyone working on their own small or large regeneration projects.

It's author, Rusty Linnane, has been restoring subtropical rainforest in eastern Australia for over 20 years. The book is written from a bush regenerator's perspective, identifying environmental weedlings and endemic seedlings.

It's an incredibly helpful format, displaying similar looking, sometimes easily confused native species (green page tabs) next to invasive weeds (orange page tabs). It provides clear characteristics for positive identification. See example below with assistance from our very lovely book model....



To order your own copy, email Rusty direct at rustleinthetrees@outlook.com



BVL NEWS

Season preparedness



Bush Fire Danger Period Commenced as of Sunday 1 September 2024 for Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Lismore, Kyogle, Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley LGAs.

Fire permits will be required to light or maintain fires in the open.

You can now apply for a permit or lodge your burn notification online at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/apply

SEPTEMBER 21 - 22 NSW RFS Get Ready Weekend

With the bushfire season approaching, the Billinudgel / Ocean Shores Rural Fire Service is offering to work local residents and landowners to be aware of bushfire risk and take steps to protect their families, homes and properties.

Crews will also be on hand to explain the new Fire Danger Rating system which came into effect September 2022.

If you'd like some guidance head on down to:
Ocean Shores Shopping Village on Saturday 21 September 9am - 3pm
or the Billinudgel Fire Station opposite the Billi Pub on Sunday 22 September between
10am - 2pm.



PLANT PROFILE

Eucalyptus signata - Northern Scribbly gum



Images: Alison Ratcliffe

Widespread but localised, in dry forest or woodland on sandy often swampy flats.

The NSW Herbarium (PlantNet) considers *E.signata* a distinct species due to distribution and its wider leaves >1.9 cm. Euclid classifies *E.signata* as synonymous with the disjunct *E.racemosa*, found near Sydney.

Bark: smooth, with scribbles, white or yellow, shedding in short ribbons.

Adult leaves: disjunct, lanceolate, 7–14 cm long, 2–3 cm wide, green, glossy or semi-glossy, concolorous.

Buds: ovoid or clavate, 4–6 mm long, 2–4 mm diam., scar absent; calyptra hemispherical, shorter and narrower than hypanthium. Fruit: hemispherical or pyriform, 4–7 mm long, 4–7 mm diam.; disc flat or slightly raised; valves enclosed.

Similar Species: *E. tereticornis* sometimes does not have a persistent stocking and some individuals of *E. signata* do not always have scribbles. *E. pilularis* sometimes has scribbles.



Regenerative Agriculture



SoilCare News

If you're not already linked in, check out the excellent news and resources available through SoilCare Inc.

Based in the Northern Rivers, NSW Australia, SoilCare is an organisation of primary producers, soil professionals and students with special interests in healthy soils and healthy farms.

<https://www.soilcare.org/>

One of September's SoilCare stories that particularly caught our eye was research and invention coming out of the USA:

A non-toxic way to manage fire ants and other ground-nesting insects



Photo credit: Antoine Hart, UCF Office of Research

University of Florida Biology Professor Joshua King (pictured above) has won the 2023 Theodore Roosevelt Genius Prize and \$100,000 for an innovation he created to control a ubiquitous pest – fire ants.

His invention is a non-toxic method to manage fire ants and eliminates the need for harmful pesticides, which helps keep the environment and other ground-nesting animals safe. It's called the Antheater.

You can read (and watch) more about the Antheater here:

<https://www.ucf.edu/news/ucf-biology-researcher-receives-2023-theodore-roosevelt-genius-prize/>



SNIPPETS

NSW urged to remove 51 shark nets after hundreds of dolphins and turtles caught last summer

Article by Petra Stock & Australian Associated Press, posted in The Guardian 2 Sept

Last summer more than 90% of marine animals caught in shark nets were not sharks, while more than half of the 208 non-target species caught – such as turtles, dolphins and smaller sharks – were killed, data showed.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/sep/02/shark-nets-removal-call-nsw>

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The Booyong Reserve story: 25 years of restoring a unique riverine remnant

article by Darren Bailey posted by Big Scrub Conservancy August 29

The Booyong Flora Reserve is a unique rainforest remnant of the former Big Scrub. The rainforest occupies 13ha of low lying flats located at the junction of the Wilsons River and Pearces Creek.

It is the only true riverine rainforest remnant on crown land outside the public reserve system and is managed by the Booyong Reserve Trust. The site escaped the clear felling that saw most of the Big Scrub converted to agricultural land as it was set aside as a recreation area for early settlers to the area.

<https://bigscrubrainforest.org/news/the-booyong-reserve-story-25-years-of-restoring-a-unique-riverine-remnant/>

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Three new ancestors added to Tasmanian tiger's storyline

Article featured in UNSW Newsroom 9 September

Scientists from UNSW Sydney have discovered three new species of Thylacines in fossils unearthed from the Riversleigh World Heritage Area in Waanyi country of north-western Queensland.

In research published today in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology, palaeontologists say the new species are now the oldest members of the Thylacine family to date, estimated to be 25-23 million years old, making them late Oligocene in age.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/newsroom/news/2024/09/three-new-ancestors-tasmanian-tigers>

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EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

September 27 Lunch for Koalas in Byron - Friends of the Koala Fundraiser



The graphic consists of two main parts. On the left is a photograph of a koala clinging to a tree branch. Below the photo is the text 'Lunch for Koalas' in a stylized font, with a small illustration of pink flowers. On the right is a flyer for 'SAVE THE KOALA DAY'. The flyer includes the logo for 'NORTHERN RIVERS FRIENDS OF THE KOALA KOALA HOSPITAL'. The event details are: 'Join us on SAVE THE KOALA DAY', 'September 27th 2024', '12:00PM - 14:00PM', '@Crystalbrook Byron Bay', 'for a delicious lunch with a glass of bubbly on arrival', 'special speaker: Geoff Cousins AM', 'purchase your ticket now \$120 p.p.', a QR code, and the website 'www.friendsofthekoala/save-the-koala-day-luncheon'. The 'Crystalbrook byron' logo is at the bottom.

<https://events.humanitix.com/save-the-koala-day-friends-of-the-koala-luncheon>



The **NIDR Gathering** is a multi-day, immersive event showcasing Indigenous leadership and excellence in disaster resilience, emergency management, community recovery and Caring for Country.

Date: 24 - 26 September

Venue: Lismore Showgrounds, 116 Alexandra Parade, North Lismore, Bundjalung Country, NSW 2480

Who should attend: We encourage representatives from disaster resilience and emergency management sectors, government, researchers, non-government organisations, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, Indigenous ranger groups, Native Title groups, and other land and water management organisations to register.

<https://events.humanitix.com/nidr-gathering-2024>

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



Richmond Riverkeepers' River Fest 2024 Sun 22 Sept – Sun 20 Oct
Celebrate the life force of the Richmond River at the inaugural 2024 Richmond Riverfest. Book now for one of 20+ events being hosted over four incredible weeks.

<https://richmondriverfest.com/>

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North Coast Regional Seedbank - Ballina workshop
Thursday 26 September



Time: 9am - 12pm

Venue: Pop Denison Park, 78 Compton Drive, East Ballina NSW 2478

Tweed Landcare invite you to join this workshop covering:

- Seed collection - species identification, timing, methods, record keeping and handling
- Using iNaturalist app to map seed trees
- If there is time we will discuss seed processing and sending seed to the seed bank.

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1292950>

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Byron Bird Buddies September Program

<https://www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au/>

<u>Byron Bird Buddies (BBB)</u> <u>Monitoring & Presentation Program – September Update</u> <u>www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au</u>		
<p>General Info - This program may change, but will be up-dated as much as possible. If you wish to attend any outing, please phone or email the contact number provided. If it's raining the event may also be cancelled. The Calendar also includes outing dates for other groups in the Northern Rivers (if known), any questions please contact the number provided.</p> <p>What To Bring - Always wear covered shoes and bring water, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent and something to eat for morning or afternoon tea and lunch if it's over the lunch period.</p> <p>Contact - for all BBB Activities - byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378. All welcome.</p> <p>• Wet Weather Policy – Take a risk or phone 0428864378</p>		
Date & Time	Where	Why
September 2024		
<p>BBB – continue monitoring of Pied Oystercatcher, Beach Stone-curlew & Bush Stone-curlew breeding sites and record site visit on BBB online Excel spreadsheet. – Contact as above.</p> <p>September 6th 2024 is Global Shorebird Day – a day not only to celebrate their incredible migration journeys but a day to promote research, monitoring and conservation of this amazing group of birds. One of the key events of the celebration is the Global Shorebird Counts that every year are held around this date. https://worldshorebirdsday.wordpress.com/programs/</p>		
Tuesday 3 rd 8.30am	Meet – Glossy Black conservancy (Harry) to discuss – Glossy Black monitoring sites in Byron Shire. -	
Friday 6 th 08.00	Shorebird Monitoring – Brunswick Heads Meet at the end of North Head Road. Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378	BBB - Global Shorebird Day
Saturday & Sunday 7 th & 8 th . Flexible times	Glossy Black Cockatoo Survey dates - go to https://glossyblack.org.au/ for details and register or Birddata – SE Glossy Black-Cockatoo program.	BBB – time & sites to be decided. byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com
Tuesday 10 th 08.00 start	Crabbes Creek – private property. Booking essential – to register and for further information byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com Mobile 0428864378	BBB – private property survey
Thursday 12 th 07.30 start	The Wallum site – meet at the end of Omega Court. Contact byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – site survey Advised to Register
Saturday 14 th 7.30 am start	Latham's Snipe Survey https://lathamssnipeproject.wordpress.com/ Byron Wetlands & Belongil Ponds – Jan - Seapeace-Vicki – If you can help, please email byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	
15 th to the 19 th	Aust. Bittern Survey at Byron Wetlands. Day & time to be confirmed.	
Tuesday 17 th 07.00 – 11.00	Goonengerry NP – meet in the carpark at the end of Garrong Rd. Bring morning tea & lunch if you plan to stay a long day. Contact Vicki - davvix1@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey – both south and part of north boundary trails Must Register
Saturday 20 th	Private survey – East Wardell - BLNR	
Tuesday 24 th 14.00 (2pm) start - to dark	Vallances Road - Mullumbimby – Booking necessary. off Coolamon Scenic Drive (Mullum/Ocean Shores end) – Drive to the pond at the bottom of hill & wait.	BBB – Evening survey – for BSC reporting Contact: Vicki davvix1@gmail.com
Monday 30 th 07.00 – 11.00	Mt Nardi – meet at the carpark – top of the mountain, & carpooling, if you can, is best. Register with byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com	BBB – KBA survey –

Other Groups		
Wed. 4 th & 18 th 08.00 – 13.00	To be advised or email richmondbrunswickbirdwatchers@gmail.com	RBB outing decided at the end of previous survey.
Sunday 8 th 8am – 12 md	Victoria Park Nature Reserve, Dalwood Contact Madeleine madzuffi@gmail.com –	BLNR survey & outing. Must Register

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FUNDING

Living Carbon Grants



**North Coast applications have now opened.
Applications close 6 December, 2024 at 5pm.**

Managing carbon is both a challenge and an enormous opportunity for landholders. If you are a landholder in NSW, you may be eligible for a NSW Government grant to set up a carbon planting project. This could help you secure the health of your land, improve productivity, and unlock new income streams. Your land could be used to revegetate habitats for threatened or iconic species such as koalas. We are partnering with the NSW Koala Strategy and NSW Local Land Services to work with landholders who share our commitment to acting on climate change.

Eligibility

We are investing \$5 million in Living Carbon grants to assist eligible applicants in delivering carbon abatement through planting projects in 3 regions in NSW:

- the Riverina Local Land Services region
- the North Coast Local Land Services region
- the MidCoast Local Government Area.

Successful applicants will receive up to \$200,000 of grant funding, and the landholder is expected to commit funding and/or in-kind contributions to complete the project.

Link for full program details: <https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/business-and-industry/programs-grants-and-schemes/primary-industries-productivity-and-abatement/living-carbon>



NSW Climate and Energy Action



FUNDING

Northern Rivers Community Foundation 2024 Community Grants now open



Applications for this 20th Annual round of NRCF Community Grants opened on 2 September.

Applications close on 4 October.

Applicant notifications will be made in November.

The Annual Community Grants Program is NRCF's flagship philanthropic offering. The Program supports not-for-profit community groups and/or organisations across the 7 LGAs of the Northern Rivers that strengthen and enhance our regional communities by addressing social disadvantage and environmental sustainability.

In 2024/25 a total funding pool of \$300,000 is available. The Community Grants Program is funded ongoing through investment income from the Corpus as part of NRCF's annual obligation to distribute grants out of its Sub Funds. In addition, the grants program is funded from flow through donations from individual philanthropists and private foundations.

For more information about key dates, Grant Guidelines and How to Apply, head here: <https://nrcf.org.au/grants/community-grants-program-2024/>

NRCF are a wonderful local organisation supporting amazing things for our communities. BVL were successful, and very grateful, in receiving NRCF funding for our 2024 Mother's Day Planting.



WEED OF THE MONTH

Golden Trumpet Tree *Handroanthus chrysotrichus*
formerly *Tabebuia chrysotricha*



Images and species info courtesy of: Brisbane City Council's Weed I.D. Tool

Golden Trumpet Tree is a relatively recent introduction to Australia, but it has become a popular ornamental street tree in recent decades. Due to its wind-dispersed seed, it is considered to have serious invasive potential in northern NSW.

We're seeing it already.

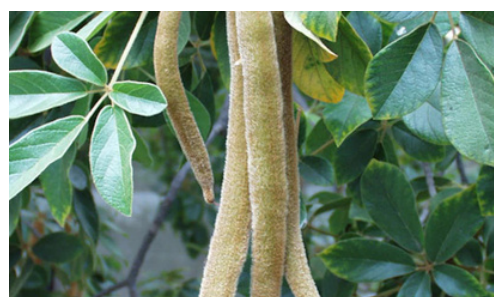
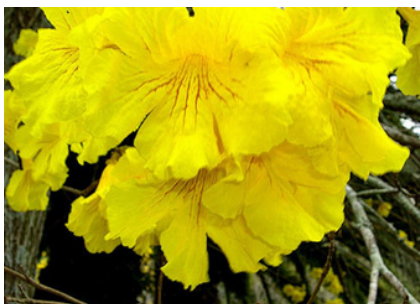
Prefers sheltered sunny locations, fertile soils and moderate moisture. It is deciduous and flowers in spring.

This species produces vast quantities of winged papery seeds that are easily dispersed by wind movement. Seeds may also be spread larger distances in dumped garden waste, by water, or in contaminated soil.

Helpful links to control methods and challenges in control:

<https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/golden-trumpet-tree>

<https://www.lfwseq.org.au/weed-profile-golden-trumpet-tree/>



WORKING BEES

Why not get out and get involved in one of our local groups?

For all Landcare Working Bees please wear protective clothing - long pants, long-sleeved shirt, closed-in shoes, hat, gloves and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Please always contact the group co-ordinators before attending a working bee as plans do change!

Bangalow Land and Rivercare, Bangalow

WHEN: every Saturday 8:30am

WHERE: find out from

CONTACT: Noelene Plummer bangalowlandcare@gmail.com 0431 20 0638 6687 4470

Friends of Lilli Pilli (Byron Bay)

WHEN: 1st Saturday of the month 3:30pm - 5:00pm

WHERE: At entrance to Lilli Pilli (contact Deb).

CONTACT: Deb Jorgensen deborah.jorgensen60@gmail.com 0434 254 802

Green and Clean Awareness Team, Byron Bay

WHEN: 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00am

WHERE: Meet Main Beach, Byron Bay

CONTACT: Peter Farmakis peter.farmakis@gmail.com 0488 715 565

Heritage Park Landcare, Mullumbimby

WHEN: Saturdays 9:00am – 11:00 am

WHERE: Heritage Park, Mullumbimby

CONTACT: Diana Hughes bromspot@gmail.com

Jinangong Landcare, Ocean Shores

WHEN: 1st Sunday of the month

WHERE: The Tunnel Road, Ocean Shores

CONTACT: Ian Parer ianparer@hotmail.com

Mullum Town Landcare, Mullumbimby

WHEN: Morning of last Sunday of the month

WHERE: find out from John Tann

CONTACT: John Tann johntann99@gmail.com

Ocean Shores Landcare, Ocean Shores

WHEN: each Thursday at 8.30 – 11.00 am (8.00am DST)

WHERE: corner of Yallakool Drive and Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores

CONTACT: David Kemp dnkemp77@gmail.com 0427 650 861

Suffolk Park Dunecare

WHEN: 8.30 - 10.30 every fourth Sunday of the month

WHERE: find out from:

CONTACT: Rebekah O'Flaherty rebekahoflaherty@gmail.com 0428 942 903

Tallowood Ridge Locality Landcare

WHEN: Second Saturday of the month from 3pm (winter), 4pm (summer).

WHERE: Tallowood Ridge Estate, Mullumbimby

CONTACT: Joanne McMurtry jmcmurtry@bigpond.com

Tyagarah Landcare

WHEN: Each Thursday 9:00am – 11:00am

WHERE: 23 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah

CONTACT: Bela Allen bela_allen@yahoo.com 6684 7113

Can't find a group near you? We have many other groups who meet on an ad hoc basis (contact us for more details) or if there isn't an existing group in your neighbourhood or you are interested in

LINKS

- Arakwal <http://arakwal.com.au/>
- Australian Association of Bush Regenerators <http://aabr.org.au>
- Border Rangers Alliance http://www.greasterranges.org.au/border_ranges/overview/overview
- Bangalow Koalas <http://www.bangalowkoalas.com.au/>
- Bangalow River and Landcare <http://www.bangalowlandcare.org.au/>
- Big Scrub Landcare <https://www.bigscrubrainforest.org.au/>
- Brunswick Valley Landcare <http://www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/>
- Byron Bird Buddies <http://www.byronbirdbuddies.com.au/>
- Byron Community College <http://www.byroncollege.org.au/>
- Byron Shire Council <http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/>
- EnviTE www.envite.org.au
- Environmental Trust <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>
- Friends of the Koala www.friendsofthekoala.org
- Federal Landcare Inc federalandcare@gmail.com
- Local Land Services www.northcoast.ils.nsw.gov.au
- North Coast Local Land Services <http://northcoast.ils.nsw.gov.au/>
- Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare www.brrvl.nsw.gov.au
- Mullumbimby Community Gardens <http://mullumcommunitygarden.wordpress.com/>
- North Coast Nature <http://www.northcoastnature.org.au/>
- Richmond Landcare Inc. <http://www.richmondlandcare.org/>
- Rous County Council (formerly Far North Coast Weeds) <http://rous.nsw.gov.au/>
- Soilcare <http://www.soilcare.org>
- Tweed Landcare Inc. <http://www.tweedlandcare.org.au/>
- Wilson's Creek Huonbrook Landcare <http://www.wilsonscreeklandcare.mullum.com.au/>

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