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What is Pollinating our Mountain *Zieria*?



Two highly respected researchers have recently visited our Landcare Centre to try to answer this question. Professor Doug Hilton, the recently appointed Chief Executive of CSIRO, and Dr Don Sands from the Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network are studying the moth species that they think may be pollinating our *Zieria collina*. This beautiful, vulnerable little shrub, pictured above, grows only on Tamborine Mountain (with just a few individual plants located in lower Beechmont). The researchers found moths on the specimens planted in our native gardens and took them away to be studied. Watch for the results of their research in a future Newsflash.



Doug Hilton (left) and Don Sands (right)



Head inside the net, Don examines the very tiny moths they have captured.

Another Weedy Site Gets a Makeover

Just a year ago our new Kinabalu Drive site was covered with invasive lantana, Singapore daisy, giant devil's figs and cape ivy. Now, thanks to our Tuesday Team volunteers and contractors, and with support from the neighbours, this State Government land is being transformed: the weeds are almost gone, replaced with native vegetation. There is more work to be done up the back of this huge site, when the newly planted trees become established. It's a great work in progress.





Some of our Tuesday Team volunteers, and the eighty trees they have just planted.

Shhh: Bird Watching in Progress

Many different birds visit our Landcare Centre, as do our human visitors, who are keen to catch a glimpse of our feathered friends. We have recently set up seats in a sheltered bird observation area, with a sign that shows a number of the bird species that have been seen regularly.

Follow the directions to this spot where you can enjoy a quiet few minutes, listening, watching and relaxing.



Our Piccabeen Bookshop: Supporting Our Work

Sales of our quality second-hand books fund enable our professional contractors to extend our weed removal work into areas that are too big for our volunteers or are not covered by grant money. These profits enable us to help make our mountain a beautiful, ecologically rich habitat for our residents and visitors to enjoy.

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