



*Abelmoschus moschatus ssp tuberosus*

# The Native Gardener

Newsletter of the  
Society for Growing Australian Plants  
Townsville Branch Inc.  
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## July 2010

**July General Meeting**                      **8.00pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Community Centre– Annandale Shopping Centre

**Committee Meeting**                      **7.30pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
[Last Monday of month]      2 Hoya Court

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Please join us on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July when our good friend

**Dr Greg Calvert**  
will talk about  
**Gardening with Cyclones**

Trees that survive: trees that don't

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## **SGAP in Flower in June 2010**

Acanthaceae	<i>Graptophyllum excelsum</i> (Emu Ck.form, nr.Herberton)
Aristolochiaceae	<i>Aristolochia acuminata</i>
Asclepiadaceae	<i>Hoya australis</i>
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia exutia</i>
Eleoocarpaceae	<i>Dubouzetia saxatilis</i>
Myrtaceae	<i>Homoranthus porteri</i>
	<i>Melaleuca pachyphyllus viridis</i> (vs. <i>M.pachyphyllus green</i> which has narrow leaves)
	<i>Synantha papillosa</i>
Proteaceae	<i>Grevillea aurea</i>
	<i>Grevillea decora</i>
	<i>Grevillea 'Elegance'</i>
	<i>Grevillea 'Flamingo'</i>
	<i>Grevillea 'Georgiana'</i>
	<i>Grevillea glauca</i>
	<i>Grevillea 'Kimberley Gold'</i>
	<i>Grevillea 'Lana Maree'</i>
	<i>Grevillea 'Orange Marmalade'</i>
	<i>Grevillea pteridifolia</i> (WA/NT form)
	<i>Grevillea 'Strawberry Blonde'</i>

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## **Mangroves by Scott Fry**

At our last meeting, Scott Fry from NQ Dry Tropics gave us a well illustrated talk on mangroves of the region. As Senior Project Officer of Great Barrier Reef Catchments Programs, he works with landholders in the Bowling Green Bay catchment area, to ensure that the wetlands of our region are as well protected as they can be. This brings him into direct contact with the mangrove communities and his knowledge was evident, as he outlined the species and environment in which they thrive. Many thanks to Scott for sharing his time with us.

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Don't forget to look at our website. Greg Calvert has added some photographs recently and there is always something interesting to look at on the front page.

<http://www.sgaptownsville.org.au/>



## SGAP Townsville-Burra Range Outing-4<sup>th</sup> July 2010

I am pleased to say that 16 of us made the trip out to the Burra Range, and despite the early departure, it was smiles all round as we enjoyed the magnificent sights on display.

Meeting up at the Lookout on the Flinders Highway, we were very pleased greet Stuart Warboys who had made the long trip from Cairns, and also, Ben Watts, who was on the first leg of his trip to the Canning Stock route and all points west!



The first job for our enthusiasts was to check out the *Thryptomene parviflora*, as a near perfect example of “decussate” foliage. Defined as “successive leaf pairs that are perpendicular”. This was our “word of the month” and gives the *Thryptomene* a distinctive appearance.



It was evident, even here at the Lookout, that the extensive wet season had brought great benefit to the landscape, with flowers, fruit and foliage evident wherever we looked. *Santalum lanceolatum*, often admired close to the Lookout, was weighed down with fruit, and not far away *Homoranthus thomasii*, and *Bossiaea carinalis* put on a magnificent display of flowers.

Moving on to the entrance of the park, the *Grevilleas*, *decora*, *sessilis*, and *pteridifolia* were everywhere in evidence, and almost at their best. In past years, *Grevillea decora* has been past its best by the middle of June, but now in July was still at its peak. Perhaps it has an extended season after a good wet?



*Homoranthus thomasi*

This small spreading shrub, has asymmetrical but attractive leaves, and displays a wealth of pendulous bells in pink and white, set off by a deep red style.

On the Telegraph Trail, we spread out and explored the surroundings, admiring *Jacksonia ramocissima* passed its best, but still glowing a deep yellow all along the road. Also, *Labichea rupestris* with its distinctive spiked leaves and yellow flowers, and *Prostanthera parviflora* Mint Bush, an aromatic plant, with mauve flowers.

We successfully located *Hibbertia exutiacies*, well named as Spikey Guinea-flower, with pine-needle like leaves, and the end of the branches showing off a distinctive flower of five, notched petals.

By request, material from this plant was collected for JCU Herbarium, so a consensus identification was necessary from our many experts!

I hope that all our members will consider making this trip next year. Although the time passes too quickly, one can learn 'twice as much in half the time', when in the company of affable experts. This year we had three botanists on hand and at least three others with a truckload of local knowledge.

More photos can be accessed here:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sgaptownsville/>

Please feel free to share these with friends, leave a comment, or download your own photos. (Contact me for password details.)

John Elliott.



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**Membership Application or Renewal Form**

Membership Year is from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March  
(Initial half yearly membership is available for those joining around October)

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Fee: \$.....

If claiming full time student fee please quote Student No.....

Additional household members may be registered for a nominal fee  
of \$1.00 per person but they will not receive newsletters or magazines.

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**Membership Fees**

New Ordinary Member	\$40.00
New Student Member	\$30.00
Renewal Ordinary	\$35.00
Renewal Student	\$25.00
New Member (Half Year from Oct. 2010)	\$25.00
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