



## Member's Correspondence: Developing a Garden in Northern Tasmania

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I have been a member of the Australian Plants Society (Tasmania North) for about 5 years. I borrowed Study Group Newsletters from a fellow member and friend. Once I started reading them I realized what a valuable resource of information they were. I joined the Study Group in Oct '08. I have already improvised an idea from Newsletter No. 32 - Allocasuarinas underplanted with small acacias and ground covers of scaevola and native primrose.

I live in a dry sclerophyll area of northern Tasmania, and am developing about an acre of native garden. The front of the garden was previously established with mainly exotics, but I am transforming the back garden and the front as ideas and gaps appear. I have *Allocasuarina littoralis* on my property and they are coming up naturally in a corner of the garden, so I have underplanted with two *Acacia mucronata*, two *A. suaveolens* and two *A. cognata* 'Green Mist' and an *A. crispula*, with mauve scaevola and yellow *Goodenia ovata* underneath. I can't wait for these plants to become established and see how the colours and textures go together. I particularly like yellow in the garden and love it with mauve and white. Also coming up naturally in this area of the garden are lovely small blue stars, possibly *Chamaescilla corymbosa*, *Thysanotus patersonii* (the twining fringe lily), *Arthropodium strictum* (the chocolate lily), *Dianella tasmanica* (Tasman flax lily), *Goodenia lanata* (the native primrose), *Boronia nana*, lots of *Drosera*, *Burchardia* and some *Diuris* which are all flowering now as I write, in early November (2009). *Comesperma voluble* (the blue love creeper) and lots of *Viola hederacea* and *Pimelea humilis* are also flowering.

It is quite a special corner in the garden.

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