

Fox Gully Restoration Update

January 2009

Replanting progressive total – **1,090** grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees

Summer wildlife and flowers on the Mountain

The holiday period has meant more time to enjoy the bush and notice the abundance of wildlife that calls our mountain backyard “Home”.

Margaret and Roger (#50) found this Yellow-faced Whip Snake basking in the sun among the trees along our boundary. While it is timid and beautiful, take care - Wildlife of Greater Brisbane lists it as Potentially Dangerous, especially to children, and recommends first aid and medical attention if snake bite occurs.

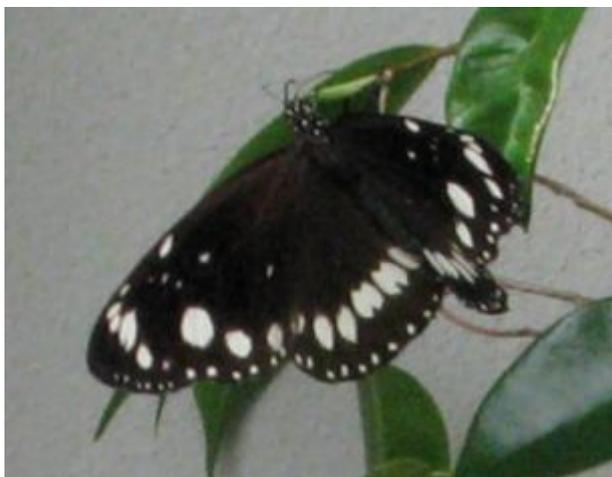


Eastern Bearded Dragons are also out enjoying the warm weather.

This one was seen taking the sun atop a compost pile in the newly cleared Zone 8. Alert to the photographer's presence, he still allowed close-ups and moved his head from side to side to ensure we had his best profile.



Butterflies are also abundant at the moment – this Blue Triangle (right) was sipping water on the drive. I was amazed at the length of his “tongue” or proboscis.



Common Crow (left) butterflies are about in large numbers. Their smartly striped caterpillars are voracious feeders and particularly enjoy the leaves of our potted

miniature fig. Indigenous food plants on the Mountain include the *Parsonsia brisbanensis* – Silkpod and *Parsonsia eucalyptophylla* – Gargaloo vines.



Our restoration planting is also thriving after the rain.



Delicate Love Flowers (right) - a favorite of the Bearded Dragons who eat the flower heads.

The aptly named Barbed Wire Grass (left), planted in Zone 7 is over a metre tall.



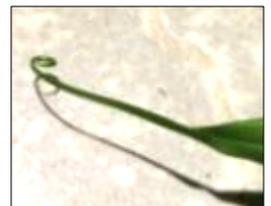
Zone 7 hosts Native Desmodium (right) and Blueberry Lilly (left) which are both in flower.



WEED ALERT!

Glory Lily - *Gloriosa superba* - a very pretty but highly invasive bushland weed has been seen in four different sites on Mt Gravatt.

The Glory Lily's unique curled leaf tip allows it to climb over and smother native vegetation while fleshy white perennial tubers allow this plant to spread long distances underground. Once established in bushland this weed is very hard to eradicate and it has become a major weed on Moreton Bay Islands and behind the dunes from Caloundra to Noosa.



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