

The Objects of the Society

To promote and encourage:

The appreciation, conservation and study of flora native to the Top End of the Northern Territory of Australia and the diverse habitats of such flora;

The propagation and cultivation of Top End native flora on both private and public land;

The establishment of National Parks, Flora Reserves, other protected areas and Botanic Gardens;

The strengthening of laws for the conservation of Australian native flora and its habitats;

The recording and publication of information on Top End native flora and its habitats; and

The establishment and maintenance of association with organisations having compatible objects.



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Top End Native Plant Society



Natives mean more

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY



Monthly Meetings:

We hold our general meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Marrara Christian School, (corner of MacMillians Road and Amy Johnson Drive). The meeting room is in the building to the right of the car park. This is a great opportunity to bring plants to swap sell or have identified and to discuss any item of general society interest.

Newsletters:

We produce a members newsletter every month prior to the general meeting. Members can choose to have the newsletter posted to them or to down load it from our website at <http://tenpsnt.tripod.com>

Guest Speakers:

We have a guest speaker at most monthly meetings. We encourage members to give their suggestions for guest speakers or topics of interest to the committee who will then try to engage an appropriate person. One of our most recent speaker was Phil Short who works as a taxonomist at the NT Government Herbarium. Phil

shared with us his experiences of the conducting research and the trials and tribulations of plant collectors in the 1800's which can be found in his recently published book "In Pursuit of Plants".

Field Trips:

Our field trips are usually held on the weekend following the general meeting. The trips vary in length; they can be as little as an hour or two on Saturdays or Sundays or up to several days over a long week end.

Growing Plants:

Several of our members grow plants for on-selling to members and to the general public. Our main selling opportunity is at the Garden Spectacular. Monthly meetings are an opportunity to learn more about the suitability of various native plants for your garden. Members often grow unusual plants that are not commonly available for sale through the normal horticultural outlets.



Plant surveys:

Over the past year our members have been actively involved in surveying *Nerzilia peltata* and *Cycas armstrongii* at Charles Darwin National Park. Our members are also committed to helping with a survey of the endangered *Ptychosperma bleeseri*.

Monitoring/Management:

Each year our members clear weeds and monitor the health of a population of *Citrus gracilis* on Sayer Road.

