

Beautiful Bayview gardens

Two Bayview gardens show that there's absolutely no limit to gardening pleasure, even in smaller spaces. The gardens are linked by a delightful park leading down to the marina, and maintained by the Darwin City Council. The park incorporates a children's play gym, and includes a frangipani walk and many cycads and flowering shrubs – hibiscus, muscaendas, ixoras and durantas. Refreshments and a barbecue will be available in the park during the Open Garden weekend.

OPEN 3 & 4 JULY 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission (\$8 for both)

An Asian Indulgence



This garden comprises three distinct 'rooms'. A formal front garden includes a stand of Timor black bamboo, carefully shaped shrubs and small trees and a wooden walkway over an entrance pond. A Japanese-style internal courtyard features a dry stone creek bed, delicate zoysia grass, potted bonsais, more bamboos, bromeliads and native trees. The pool garden is home to tropical shrubs, with a hibiscus hedge and golden crinums along the waterside.

5 Bayview Boulevard, Bayview. LD Map 10 D8. From Tiger Brennan Drv turn into Stoddart Drv. Look for signs.

Small and Fragrant



A courtyard garden utilises the marina and the borrowed landscape of the adjacent park to increase its visual boundaries. The front fenceline is masked with lush flowering and fragrant shrubs of many kinds, with palms and a calliandra sheltering the front garden area. The back courtyard, overlooking the water, is accessed through the carport and incorporates rare and unusual palms in large pots, bromeliads and an orchid collection.

1/16 Stoddart Drive, Bayview. LD Map 10 D8. From Tiger Brennan Drv turn into Stoddart Drv. Look for signs.



Hullaballoo



Tropical plants of every sort thrive in this tranquil suburban retreat. Gingers, ferns, cycads, palms, orchids, bromeliads, caladiums, hibiscus, lilies – you name it, and it's here. Secluded front and rear patios are perfect places to relax and feel part of this delightful small garden. The lush front footpath features frangipanis and a young saponilla tree, with massed spider lilies along the fence. Gravelled paths lead through the side and back garden areas, and a cool lawn sets off the front garden. Pots and pavers add extra interest, and herbs are doing nicely near the kitchen.

9 Alstonia Street, Nightcliff. LD Map 6 B6. From Progress Drv turn into Bougainvillea St, then left into Alstonia St.

OPEN 31 July & 1 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission

Nature's Way



Outstanding rural garden with Asian influences, features exotic statues and ceramic items from the owners' world travels and overseas postings. Orchids, bromeliads and palms provide great tropical ambience. Bougainvilleas are at their best and add vibrant colour, along with many other flowering plants, excellent hanging baskets and potted plants. Thriving fruit trees and a vegetable patch complete the picture. A cool and expansive

garden in which to wander at will, and enjoy a new vista at every turn. A much requested and welcome return of this popular and beautifully structured garden.

3 Edelsten Road, Howard Springs. LD Map 24 F9. Turn into Girraween Rd from the Stuart Hwy after Coolalinga shops, then left into Edelsten Rd.

OPEN 14 & 15 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission



Kalimna



A young garden with a permaculture theme complements an award-winning inner suburban new house. An expansive deck links with the landscape and its paths, pots and water features. Many of the pots and plants have been 're-homed' from lawn sales, 6 complementing Indonesian garden items and resulting in an eclectic mix of unusual garden features. Existing mature trees were retained where possible during the rebuilding process

and raised gardens and natural Territory landscape finishes provide lots of interest. This house was the HIA's Northern Territory Home of the Year for 2009, described as "a brilliant adaptation of authentic tropical design harmonising perfectly with an impressive garden setting".

12 Kellaway Street, Fannie Bay. LD Map 9 F7. From East Point Rd, turn into Gregory St, then left into Kellaway St.

OPEN 28 & 29 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission

Jenny's Orchid Garden



The private garden of this specialist tropical orchid nursery is a sheltered haven. At the entrance, a vine-covered bridge spans a lily pond edged with bromeliads, caladiums and a host of other plants. Immaculate lawn paths lead to the shadehouse packed with thousands of tropical epiphytes including vandas, Thai bush orchids and hard-caned dendrobiums along with begonias and bromeliads, while long swags of Spanish moss

hang from the roof beams. Behind the house, bamboos, cordylines, crotons and philodendrons combine in a colourful display against a backdrop of rainforest trees and palms. Devonshire teas available.

10 Niel Court, Howard Springs. LD Map 24 E6. From Stuart Hwy turn into Howard Springs Rd, right into Stow Rd, left into Fitzgerald Rd. Look for signs.

OPEN 11 & 12 SEPTEMBER 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission



Penacre



A secluded tropical garden nestled within a larger rural property reflects its owners' overseas connections and travels. The garden wraps around the house, providing wonderful green views from every window. A bubbling fish-filled pond winds its way under timber-decking walkways, and the garden is studded with large pots and water features. Bromeliads abound at Penacre, along with a stunning array of tropical plants.

20 Krichauff Road, Humpty Doo. LD Map 28 A6. From Stuart Hwy turn into the Arnhem Hwy, right into Zamia Rd, right into Strangways Rd, left into Krichauff Rd.

OPEN 18 & 19 SEPTEMBER 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission

ALICE SPRINGS

Kenna Garden



In less than a decade, a hectare of weedy grass has been transformed into a spectacular native garden. Remnant vegetation has been incorporated into the sprawling garden that also features native plants not normally seen in the arid Centralian region – the garden features grevilleas, banksias, hakeas and dryandras. This award-winning garden as also the NT 2009 Gardener of the Year finalist in Gardening Australia magazine.

3485 Greatorex Road, Alice Springs. LD Map 8 E5. From Stuart Hwy south of town take Ilparpa Rd, then Greatorex Rd on the right. Look for signs.

OPEN SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission

The Gardeners' Garden



A secluded native arid oasis complements contemporary hardscapes architecture in this award-winning new garden. Inspired by the Red Centre's natural beauty, the owners of this recently renovated small suburban property utilised local native plants and materials to create a 'dry river bed' garden while meeting the 'family space' design brief. Decked areas enhance the pool and garden and fit comfortably in the setting.

4 Knuckey Avenue, Alice Springs. LD Map 6 C4. Turn onto Head St from North Stuart Hwy, left into Priest St and left into Knuckey Ave.

OPEN SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 10am – 4.30pm \$6 admission

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Northern Territory 2010 Season

	Date	Garden	Location
MARCH	27 & 28	The Dog and Donkey	Howard Springs
APRIL	10 & 11	Hortus Nostras	Marlow Lagoon
	24 & 25	Buddha's Bamboo	Humpty Doo
MAY	8 & 9	Productive Gardening	CDU, Casuarina
	15 & 16	The Tunes	Millner
JUNE	22 & 23	Water on Wetherby	Howard Springs
	29 & 30	The Barra Shack	Humpty Doo
	19 & 20	Phoenix	Fannie Bay
JULY	3 & 4	Beautiful Bayview Gardens	Bayview
AUGUST	31 July & 1 August	Hullabaloo	Nightcliff
	14 & 15	Nature's Way	Howard Springs
SEPTEMBER	28 & 29	Kalimna	Fannie Bay
	Saturday 4	Kenna Garden	Alice Springs
	11 & 12	Jenny's Orchid Garden	Howard Springs
	18 & 19	Penacre	Humpty Doo
	Sunday 19	The Gardeners' Garden	Alice Springs

Australia's Open Garden Scheme is a not for profit organisation founded in 1987. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and pleasure of gardens and gardening across Australia by opening inspiring gardens to the public. Each year the Scheme opens around 650 private gardens across every geographical region. The first Northern Territory gardens opened in 2000, and since then more than 160 Territory gardens have opened their gates to around 80,000 visitors.

The Open Garden Scheme is totally self-funding, with entry fees divided as follows: 35% of the gate fee is returned to the garden owner or to a charity of their choice and 65% covers the Scheme's operating costs, with surplus funds returned to the community via our Community Grants program. To date, more than \$1 million has been given to around 400 community projects across Australia under this program. The Scheme has also established the Victorian Bushfire Grants Fund to support communities affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires, and a perpetual Garden Renewal Fund which supports past and current Open Gardens damaged by natural events such as floods or cyclones.

Charities and local causes have also benefited to the tune of more than \$4 million thanks to the generosity of garden owners donating their gate share and proceeds from refreshment sales and stalls. (Last year, Northern Territory garden owners donated more than \$25,000 to charity from their openings.)

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Visit our website - www.opengarden.org.au - to find out about gardens open across Australia. For local information, including updates on Northern Territory gardens, call the NT Co-ordinator - Sue Dibbs: ph 08 8932 9922, nt@opengarden.org.au

Please note that admission to all gardens is free to those 18 and under.

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Map references: LD - Local Directories

The Dog and Donkey



Inspiring rural garden with a great array of cycads, succulents and bromeliads. Stands of bamboo rustle in the breeze and a large pond adds a cool touch. A spacious courtyard is home to a range of striking plants, many of which are of the 'prickly' variety - dyckias, hechtias, cactus, euphorbias, pachypodiums. Shade-loving plants grow in pots and hanging containers around the broad verandahs. A recent addition is a collection of unusual aloes.

This garden was the Top End semi-finalist in Gardening Australia's 'Gardener of the Year' award for 2010. A great start to our Territory season. Enjoy a morning or afternoon tea, and some folk rock music on the back verandah.

35 Mahaffey Road, Howard Springs. LD Map 25 A9. From Stuart Hwy turn left south of Coolalinga into Girraween Rd, second left into Mahaffey Rd.

OPEN 27 & 28 MARCH 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission

Hortus Nostras



This garden is in its fifth year of re-development as home to a selection of Top End native plants. Original palms and weeping rosewoods have been replaced with many grevilleas and acacias, complementing traditional tropical exotics. Seedlings from their early natives are now being planted out. Tonnes of soil and hundreds of hay bales have been used to develop new gardens, lawns have been minimised, and a large raised pond area is a work

in progress. Chooks wander happily, and a former horse paddock is now a mini-orchard of tropical fruit trees. The Top End Native Plants group will be on hand on Saturday with advice and plant sales.

49 Flockhart Drive, Marlow Lagoon. LD Map 22 C3. From Elrondie Rd in Palmerston turn into Waler Rd, right into Flockhart Drv.

OPEN 10 & 11 APRIL 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission



Buddha's Bamboo



Here's the place to learn all about clumping bamboos of many kinds suitable for Top End gardens. Bamboos sometimes get a bad name for running wild and being hard to eradicate. But grow the right non-invasive species, and their unique appearance, rapid growth and contribution to your tropical garden ambience makes them perfect for gardens of any size. In this small working nursery, 27 bamboo species grow in healthy and vigorous

stands. The garden also features naturally-growing native cycads and sand palms which blend perfectly with bamboo in this peaceful rural setting.

4423 Goode Road, Humpty Doo. LD Map 28 A8. From Stuart Hwy turn into Arnhem Hwy, drive 8 km to Trippe Rd on the right, continue to Goode Rd, turn left, travel 2.2 km and look for signs.

OPEN 24 & 25 APRIL 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission

Productive Gardening Weekend at CDU



The Horticulture Aquaculture Group at Charles Darwin University is again hosting its very popular series of talks and workshops on gardening for the Top End. Topics this year will include pruning and shaping your plants, best fertilisers for our climate, setting out your new home garden and working towards home gardening sustainability.

There'll be a Q&A panel with Horticulture staff and other

local expert gardeners, information on how to get your compost and worm farms going properly, sure fire ways to get those fruit trees fruiting, and great ideas for dealing with the challenges of small urban blocks. Locally-grown vegetable and herb seedlings will be available for sale.

And this year there will be some special activities to engage children and get them on the path to growing and preparing home produce. They're never too young to learn!

Plus you can enjoy a tour of the plants in the Horticulture compound, and visit the new Indonesian garden and the delightful and secluded Chinese Garden. Sessions start at 9am and 1.30pm on both days. Call 8932 9922 for more information on the program for this terrific weekend.

CDU Campus, Ellengowan Drv, Casuarina. LD Map 7 A3. Look for signs.

OPEN 8 & 9 MAY 9am - 4.30pm \$10 admission

The Tunes



Established suburban garden with excellent privacy planting, jungle pathways of recycled pavers and a great range of plants including cycads, bromeliads, ferns, palms, bat plants, hanging baskets, philodendrons, tree ferns and anthuriums. Old gnarled frangipanis lend character to this garden retreat. Many plants have come as cuttings from friends and neighbours over the past 30 years and freshly propagated plants, including

bat plants, find new homes around the garden. A great space for a family to play and grow over the years. An Irish dancing group will provide additional entertainment during the weekend.

2 Millner Street, Millner. LD Map 6 E7. From Sabine Rd or Rapid Creek Rd turn into Robinson Rd. Look for signs.

OPEN 15 & 16 MAY 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission

Water on Wetherby



Two large lily ponds are striking features of this beautiful parklike rural garden, where native trees and selected palms provide dappled shade across sweeping lawns, tropical shrubs and massed groundcover plantings. Beds of cycads, crotons, acalyphas, musaendas, calliandras, wrightias and plumbago add colour and texture, and the ponds brim with tropical lilies and other water plants, backed with plain and variegated pandanas. Carefully

placed large rocks set off views up to the house, a jetty leads out into the larger pond, weeping rosewoods line the driveway, and potted begonias and desert roses contribute more colour.

78 Wetherby Road, Girraween. LD Map 25 D9. From Stuart Hwy turn left into Girraween Rd south of Coolalinga, go 4.5kmm, left into Rogers Rd, left into Wetherby Rd.

OPEN 22 & 23 MAY 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission



The Barra Shack



Waldo, the Top End's well-known and popular bush poet, finds much inspiration in the sprawling rural garden he shares with his wife, Sue. Their quirky garden contains surprises at every turn, including curiosity items retrieved from tips and dump shops over many years and placed to blend in with trees, shrubs and garden beds. There's much to see and admire here, from mature fruiting mangosteen trees to flowering roses. This is a garden in which to wander - and wonder. Hidden

jungle pathways, great ideas for plant containers, lush lawns and shady corners. And where's Waldo? Keep an eye out, because he pops up all over the place.

41 Acacia Road, Humpty Doo. LD Map 28 B4. From Girraween Rd or Arnhem Hwy turn into Produce Rd, then Pioneer Drv, then Acacia Rd. Look for signs.

OPEN 29 & 30 MAY 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission

Phoenix



This new garden rises from the remnants of the old palm garden and is a great example of what can be retained and integrated into a new garden when a block is cleared to construct a new house. It shows the power of good planning and thoughtful design. Mulch was spread plentifully to get the new garden growing, and privacy screening requirements were paramount. Lush verge planting was kept low to ensure visibility around the corner. Great use of

colour and texture, combined with the architectural features of a new house, mosaics and sculptural surprises. All the elements of what can be achieved in a tropical garden, in a short space of time.

14 Giles Street, Fannie Bay. LD Map 9 F6. From Ross Smith Ave, turn into Giles St (second left after Parap Pool).

OPEN 19 & 20 JUNE 10am - 4.30pm \$6 admission

