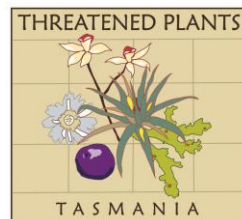




Threatened Plants Tasmania (Wildcare Inc.)



Field Trip to Milford

Date: Saturday 20 September 2014

We would like to invite members of the Hobart orchid team to register for the first monitoring trip of the season, at Milford, near Hobart airport.

Numbers will be **limited to 8**, so if you would like to come, please read the complete flier and contact Kate Shaw directly (3kitkatk8@gmail.com, or 0417 898 177) by **Thursday September 18**, and include the details requested at the end of this flier.

We will meet: Date: Saturday 20 September 2014

Time: 0930

Place: On the left of Pittwater Rd, a few yards from the intersection with the Tasman Highway. (This is the turn-off to Seven-Mile Beach, just north east of the Hobart airport roundabout.)

Estimated finish time: about 2.30pm

Threatened species: For this trip we will be working with DPIPWE's Richard Schahinger re-scoring part of the pre-existing transect for the Critically Endangered sagg spider orchid, *Caladenia saggicola* and also mapping specimens outside this area.

Site and Work Conditions Summary The site is quite flat, but the ground is uneven with lots of holes, and tripping hazards. These are often obscured by thick understorey vegetation, and there is quite a lot of fallen timber in the transect area. Gaiters, long pants and long sleeves, and protective eyewear are recommended. (We will provide safety glasses). You will need to have a reasonable level of fitness. For measuring the plants it will be necessary to do a lot of bending and squatting. For surveying the area, walking while observing the ground will be required. The area has a lot of mosquitoes, and other insects, reptiles and animals are present. Mobile phone reception is available.

Please make sure all your gear is clean and free of seeds and soil (see http://tpt.org.au/tpt_project/ftg.php)

Field Trip Coordinators:

Kate Shaw (3kitkatk8@gmail.com, or 0417 898 177) and Doug Clarke (douglasclarke@bigpond.com)

Food:

Bring lunch, and snacks for morning tea, and 1-2 liters of drinking water.

Gear:

Bring all your favorite gear for a relaxed day walk.

We recommend that you include:

- any personal medications
- a rain jacket [and other wet weather gear if rain is expected]
- spare jumper
- a wide brimmed hat, sunscreen and **insect repellent**
- **clean**, sturdy walking shoes or boots
- a small First Aid kit for your personal use
- note pad and pencil

NOTE: Given that we work in areas with threatened species we need to be especially careful not to introduce seeds or pathogens, such as *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, into the areas we visit.

Before going on any TPT field trip, please make sure that:

- There are no seeds caught in your footwear or clothes (esp. shoe tread, laces, Velcro, the sides of tongues, cuffs, socks and inside pockets).
- Ensure there is no mud or soil on the soles of your shoes.

Please see the TPT Guidelines for Seed-free and Phytophthora-free Footwear and Clothing at http://tpt.org.au/tpt_project/ftg.php for more detail. This contains essential information on preparing your gear for TPT outings.

Further optional gear: GPS, Camera, Reference Books

Information to send the Field Trip Coordinator: Please email the following through to the field trip coordinator before the field trip begins:

- 1) Your **name, address & mobile phone number**
- 2) If you have any **technical skills or qualifications** that will be useful on this field trip (e.g. botanical or other environmental skills, current first aid qualification, emergency management?)
- 3) If you would like to **share transport**

IMPORTANT

If you haven't already filled in a medical information form for this season, please either enter this information via our website (www.tpt.org.au), OR email to president@tpt.org.au OR mail a hard copy to Alison Vandenberg, PO Box 4544, Bathurst St Hobart 7000. The form is available at http://tpt.org.au/tpt_project/ftg.php

Gear to be supplied by TPT

First aid kit; Hi Vis vests; Co-ordinator to have Personal Mobile phone (preferably Telstra 3G or 4G) ; Biosecurity kit (spray, brush and bucket); water for handwashing; Extra drinking water ; Safety glasses; plant counters; metal detector; monitoring equipment (via Richard S.)

Caladenia saggicola at
Milford

