



Southern Tablelands Regional Botanic
Garden at Forest 20, National
Arboretum Canberra.

Of Interest at Forest 20 December
2023 Number 103



Lassioglossum (Chilalictus) lanarium, 25 Halictid Bees
on *Podolepis jacioides* Showy Copper-wire Daisy.



Harpobittacus australis Hanging Fly on *Leptospermum obovatum* Blunt-leaved Teatree. It awaits its prey.



Porrostoma rhipidum Long-nosed Lycid Netwinged
Beetle on *Leptospermum obovatum* Blunt-leaf Teatree



Phyllotocus sp. Nectar Scarab on *Ammobium latum*
Winged Everlasting.



Eryngium ovium Blue Devil. A perennial herb which
renews from the base each spring.



Heteronympha merope Common Brown Butterfly on
Callistemon sieberi River Bottlebrush..



Swainsona galegifolia Smooth Darling Pea. A tall growing attractive perennial pea, good for gardens.



Polystichum proliferum Mother Shield Fern. A hardy cool climate terrestrial fern of east coast of Australia.



Cullen macrocephalum Dusky Scurf-pea. A trailing perennial herb found in the southeast of NSW.

Our working bees are held each Thursday morning from 8am. Morning tea (byo) is at 10am at the tables near the shed. Tools are supplied. New volunteers are welcome, just turn up and make yourself known.



Pelargonium sp. Striatellum Omeo Storksbill. A yet to be formally described endangered species.



Dianella longifolia Smooth Flax Lily. This species is found across a wide spread of eastern Australia.



Bibio imitator Garden Maggot Fly on *Kunzea ericoides*.

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