



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

Of Interest at Forest 20 February 2024  
Number 105



*Zygometis xanthogaster*, Crab Spider on *Eryngium ovinum* Blue Devil.



*Junonia villida* the Meadow Argus on *Podolepis jaceoides* Showy Copper Wire Daisy.



*Swainsona galegifolia* Smooth Darling Pea. Featured for the third successive month. A worthy garden plant.



*Goodenia ovata* Hop Goodenia. A long-flowering rounded shrub that responds well to pruning.



*Podolepis jaceoides* Showy Copper Wire Daisy and *Lasioglossum (Chilalictus) lanarum*



*Nephila edulis* Golden Orb Spider which may be preying on the Leaf-curl spider within the curled leaf.





*Caesia calliantha* Blue Grass Lily. With grass-like leaves and flowers blue to mauve. Starts from a tuber.



*Arthropodium fimbriatum* Chocolate Lily. Notable for the strong fragrance of the flowers and fringed petals.



*Goodenia pinnatifida* Cut-leaf Goodenia. A widespread species in the ACT according to Canberra Nature Map.



*Tricoryne elatior* Yellow Rush-lily. It is pleasing to see how this species has spread across our grassland.



*Pelargonium australe*. Native Pelargonium. A long-flowering species that appreciates moist conditions.



*Comptosia quadripennis* A Bee Fly on *Podolepis jaceoides* Showy Copper Wire Daisy.

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.

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