



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

23 August 2019

Planting for colour and to attract wildlife



With spring approaching and countless beautiful, native plants already in full bloom, many gardeners are pondering the best choices to add colour and encourage bees, birds and other creatures to visit the garden. Sometimes it's hard to know what to select for local environments but expert help is at hand at the **Coolum Community Native Nursery**.

Established in 2005 to fulfil a need to provide salt tolerant plants for the Sunshine Coast area, the nursery is jointly managed by **Coolum and North Shore Coast Care and Maroochy Waterwatch**. Community volunteers share their time to assist in seed collection and propagation of plants for sale, thereby growing only native species that have evolved to thrive in local conditions whilst providing food and habitat for local fauna.

The nursery is totally funded by its plant sales.

Guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum on **August 23** will be **Fuschia Collard, manager of Coolum Community Native Nursery**. With a wealth of experience working both in national parks and nurseries, Ms Collard will be speaking about establishing and maintaining a native garden using plants suited to both beachside and hinterland living. She will also discuss the nursery's commitment to provide free plants for local school plantings as well as for environmental restoration work.

Join the audience at the **NPA Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville** to hear more about this truly community based nursery. Morning tea will be available from 10am and the forum begins at 10.30am.

**Investigate the birds of
Wallace Park with Valda and
the Interpretive Birding Group.
Meet at 8.30am in the car park.
All welcome**



Volunteers work at the nursery to source and grow native plants suited to the local area.