

Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) September 2011 Newsletter

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Dear Friends

Hello and welcome to spring and the September 2011 edition of the FoMM newsletter. Many thanks Michael Doherty for leading a brilliant tree walk on Sunday, 28 August which was joined by more than 40 participants and featured in the Canberra Times – a great promotion of our nature parks and good publicity for FoMM as well. Thanks also to Jenni and to Louisa for organising the walk and for placing posters. Michael kindly agreed to lead a wildflower walk on Sunday, the 30 October – please make a note in your diary - and we are currently working on the third edition of the Mount Majura and Mount Ainslie Flora List.

ACT Landcare Award 2011 Finalist. I'm pleased to inform you that FoMM together with our fellow ParkCare groups, the Mount Ainslie Weeders and the Watson Woodland Working Group, are finalists in the 2011 ACT Landcare Award. The three groups have been nominated in the Urban Landcare category in recognition for working closely and successfully together to involve and inspire local community to conserve, promote and enhance the nature reserves adjacent to some of the ACT's oldest suburbs. The nomination also recognises the strong and positive lobbying by the groups that led to a number of good outcomes for our local environment, the latest of which is the cat containment for North Watson announced by Minister Simon Corbell in the Canberra Times today, 7.9.2011.

What's up on the Mountain – Share your best wildlife photographs and pictures of FoMM activities.

FoMM started a number of public Flickr Groups. Currently the following groups are available:

Wildflowers, forbs, of Mount Majura and Mount Ainslie: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1724897@N25/>

Wildflowers, orchids, of Mount Majura and Mount Ainslie: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1734161@N24/>

Trees of Mount Majura: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1745488@N23/>

Friends of Mount Majura: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1689704@N25/>

National Tree Day 2011 on Mount Majura: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1713338@N20/>

Soon there will be more Groups: "Shrubs, climbers and creepers", "Grasses and Grass-like plants", "Reptiles", "Birds", "Mammals", "Invertebrates" (such as ants, butterflies and spiders), and "Views and Landscapes". How to share your photographs: You would need to have or to open a Flickr account, upload the photos to your photo-stream, join the appropriate "Group" and add the photographs from your photo-stream to this "Group". It is not too difficult as Louisa has shown me, however if you encounter problems please contact me for help. Over time I hope we create a picture archive of activities and a great gallery of the mountain's treasures.

Working party: Caring for seedlings – Sunday 21 September

At our monthly working party we will be looking after the seedlings planted on National Tree Day 2011 to give them a head start for spring. Some need more mulch, some stakes need a smack with a mallet and some weeds around the seedlings need to be pulled to remove competition.

When: Sunday 18 September, 2011, from 9am to 12noon; come for an hour or the whole time.

Where: Majura Paddock planting site; meet at the Hackett reservoir off Rivett / French Streets.

Wear: Hat, sturdy shoes, long sleeve and pants

Bring: a metal rake and garden gloves if you have them.

Morning tea will be provided.

For more information please phone 6247 7515 or visit FoMM's website at www.majura.org

Spotlight walk – Saturday 24 September

Discover the mountain's nightlife in spring on a spotlight walk with Jenni.

Saturday, 24 September, 5.40pm sharp for an approx 2 hours walk

If you are fascinated by creepy crawlies, critters that flap, glide or squeak, and eyes that glow, then come for an evening walk to watch and listen to Mount Majura's nocturnal wildlife. Wear warm clothes and good walking

shoes. Torches and patience are useful. Please bring a gold coin donation.

There are limited places and booking is essential!

Booking and enquiries: phone Jenni 6248 8955 or email admin@majura.org until Thursday, 22 September.

Warm regards

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