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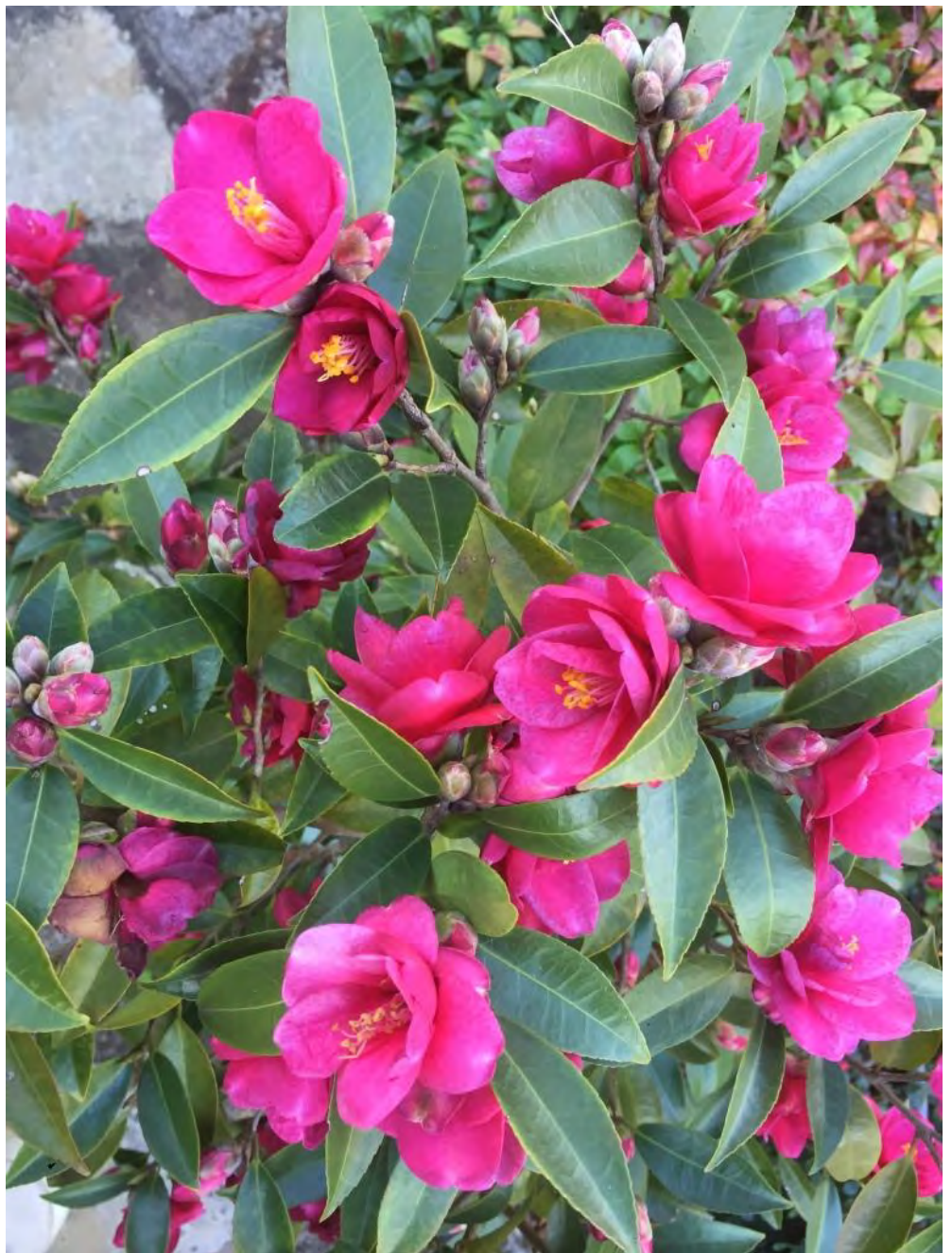
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Camellia hybrid 'Fairy Wand' – Never So Many Blooms

(Photo D. Low)

No
Meeting
This
Month

AUGUST REPORT

This month its total lockdown here in Sydney but we have had a marvellous show of blooms in our garden. A reason for this is that we have moved a number of our plants from pots and unfavourable positions to "where they like it" and like 'Fairy Wand' above, clusters of blossom abound.

Now its bushfires in Greece and Italy and we are thinking of our International Friends.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT-AUGUST 2021

The Delta variant continues to strike havoc with plans and hopes. After having to cancel the July 26th Meeting, we now have to cancel our planned meeting on Saturday 21st August at Glenorie due to the COVID restrictions.

We are hopeful that our meeting on Monday 20th September can proceed, but who knows how the situation is going to evolve from here. It would be good to think that the lockdown will start to reduce the transmission and hence numbers of cases each day.

But there is little sign of that at the moment. If we can meet then, our member Leslie Saddington has agreed to give us a presentation of horticultural interest. Lets hope it goes ahead as planned.

Plans for other meetings to end our year are slowly evolving and will be included in subsequent newsletters.

Happy Gardening in early spring weather,

Bruce Walker



The President's
'Trophy'



is for August's Adorables

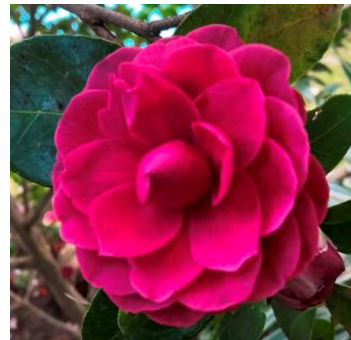
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Bella Di Firenze



Black Opal



Black Tie



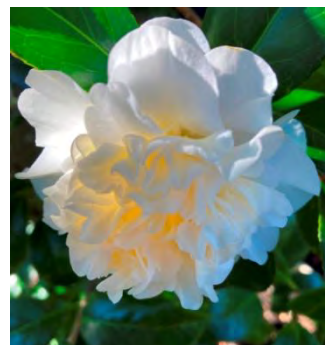
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AERIAL ACROBATS

DANIEL LOW

One of the most enjoyable parts of working in the garden is being able to work alongside our feathered friends. Some of the avifauna we see regularly are very shy and will not come within camera range; for example the Eastern Rosellas that raid the seed pods of the Liquidambar that hangs over our fence line. However, the tree and its seedpods, loose bark and high perches that attracts most of the birds to our garden is our large *Magnolia soulangeana* beside the driveway.



King Parrots—F, M,



My Colouring In



Eastern Rosella [Neville Cayley]



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Noisy Miner

There are other important reasons for having birds in your garden. Firstly, like bats, bees and wasps; birds like Noisy Miners and Rainbow Lorikeets which are pollen and nectar gatherers both act as pollination vectors for camellias which can have very large quantities of both for bird food. In our garden we have a beautiful, white cross of Hagoromo and Margaret Waterhouse which is the result of just such natural breeding. Secondly, many of the birds that we have visiting regularly are hunters of all things creepy-crawly. Noisy Miners especially are avid searchers among leaves and branches especially when there is less pollen and nectar to be found.



Kookaburra



Pied Butcher Bird



Magpie F



Koel

When you need a lift in these lonely days, the Pied Butcher Birds call their two part harmony to each other in between their foraging under bark or in the garden beds. Magpies also call from elevated positions at dawn and dusk; mostly from the top of the power pole or our chimney top. Birdsong while you absorb more Vitamin D has the added benefit of stress relief.



Rainbow Lorikeet



Sulfur Crested Cockatoo



Galah



Crimson Rosella



Brush Turkey M



Maned Duck [Wood Duck] Family

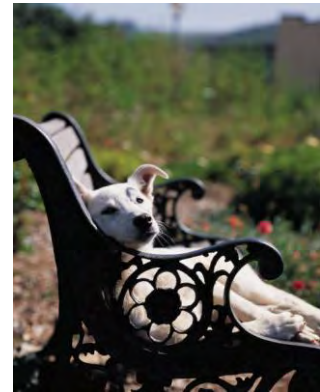
GARDENING OVER THE HILL (PART I)

LESLEY SADDINGTON FAIH

Gardening is for Leisure and Pleasure



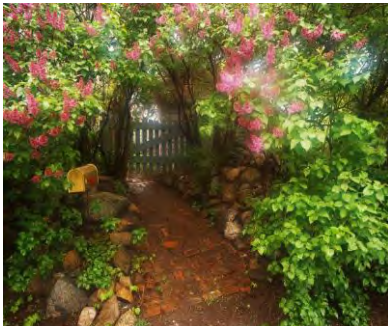
Gardening is for Leisure & Pleasure



Gardening benefits the Body, Mind & Soul

Renovating your garden for easy maintenance

- Exercise at the level of your choice
- Stimulation for your artistic creativity
- Opportunities for meditation for you (and your dog!)



Main 3 Garden Elements



Hard Landscaping

The ideal space/density ratio of a garden design is ideally 1:3 for a leafier garden or 3:1 if more open areas are preferred

Main 3 Garden elements:

- Hard Landscaping – paths and steps, patios, walls, water features...
- Lawns – Select a type to suit your garden aspects
- Plants – Trees, shrubs, groundcovers in garden beds

Hard Landscaping – steps, paths, patios, ponds, pergolas - paving clean & moss protected

- Old paving can be sealed to prevent build up of moss particularly in shaded areas.
- Solution: high pressure clean then apply a waterproof sealer e.g. *Amberseal* or *Drytreat*



Lawns – Highest maintenance – keep it healthy & vigorous, shape edging simple and flowing



Lawns – selection – ‘Sir Walter’ buffalo, couch, Kikuyu

Lawns

- Buffalo - Sir Walter Buffalo has been bred specifically to provide a low maintenance, shade tolerant grass for Sydney gardens
- Couch – not shade tolerant
- Kikuyu – very invasive, often sparse, spreads by seed

A Healthy Lawn Requires.....

- A healthy lawn chokes out weeds & is easier to maintain
- 300mm of deep, well drained, fertile soil for root growth
- pH 7 to deter weed invasion – apply Dolomite Lime every 2 years
- For ease of mowing, eliminate garden beds and corners and keep the lawn shape simple and flowing
- To re-establish a sparse lawn:
 - Aerate - fork to depth of tines
 - Treat with dolomite lime
 - Top dress with a mix of sand and cow manure
- Fertilize every spring with a 9 month Slow Release Fertilizer that contains trace elements e.g. Osmocote, Nutricote

Making Mowing Easier

- Set Mower height high, keep blades sharp and supply your own mower if hiring a mowing service
- Regular high mowing – green leaves should remain after mowing – don't shave your lawn

That's why lawns are high maintenance!

Plants – trees and shrubs



Soil Fertility

- Aerate the soil by **forking** to 12 inches depth
- Spread clay soil generously with **gypsum** and leave for **2 weeks**
- **Spread** a generous layer of **milled cow manure** over the soil but **not** against **plant stems** & fork in
- Mulch after planting with 4-6 inches of e.g. Who Flung Dung, eucalyptus mulch or leaf litter
- Don't use bark or woodchip as they draw nitrogen from the soil as they decompose



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Weed Control



Weeds are opportunists, hardy adaptable invasive plants that seed prolifically, often within 3 weeks of germinating. Most weeds, including grasses, are annuals and grow from seed. Perennial weeds e.g. oxalis, onion weed, wandering Jew require hand removal and/or repetitive **Glyphosate** treatment.

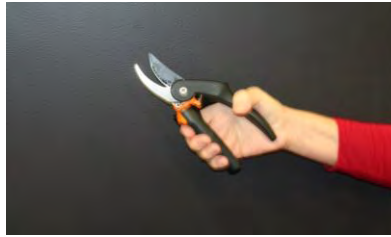
More about Weeds . . .

Solutions

- Hand weeding – easier when soil is moist
- Mulch, Mulch, Mulch to smother annual weeds as they germinate
- Spot spray with **Glyphosate (Zero)**
- Lawn weeds are suppressed by healthy lawn growth but if persistent, use a selective spray recommended for the lawn type

Pruning

Hide pruning equipment from those who would keep your plants 'Under Control'!



- Light, frequent pruning encourages healthy leaf growth and stimulates flowering
- Prune early spring or after flowering
- Use clean, sharp secateurs and garden saws
- Clean with alcohol (methylated spirits) between plants to avoid spread of disease

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2021

September 2021

Monday 20th

NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month)
Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm
benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA

October 2021

Monday 18th

NSWCRS AGM 7.30pm.
Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon.

November 2021

Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and Location TBA



AUGUST IN CAROLYN'S GARDEN

PHOTOS-- C. AND D. LOW



Alaskan Queen



Buttons 'N' Bows



Baby Bear White



Bella Di Firenze



Bob Hope



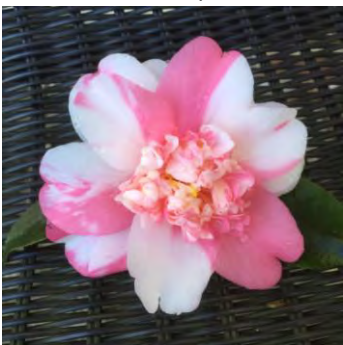
Drama Girl



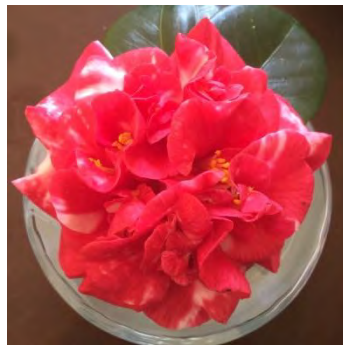
Elegans



Elegans Champagne



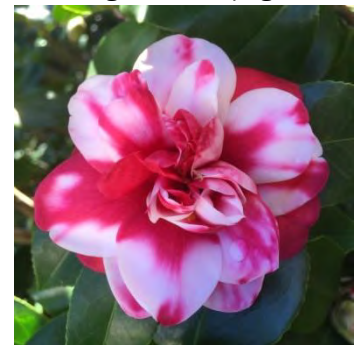
Elegans Variegated



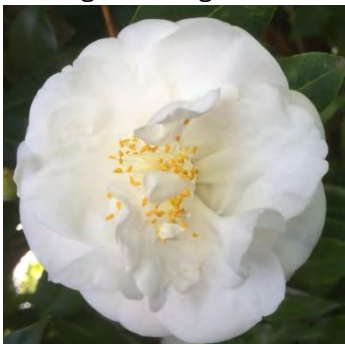
Emperor Of Russia Variegated



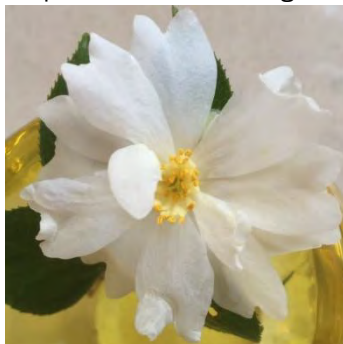
Fragrant Joy



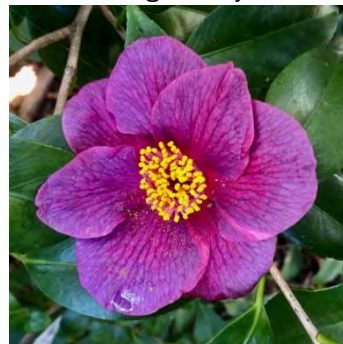
Governor Mouton



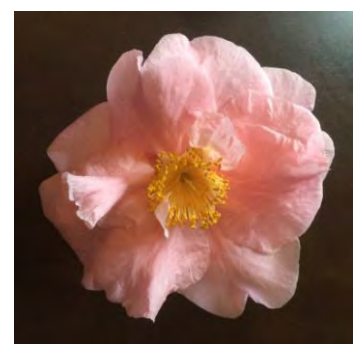
Grand Finale



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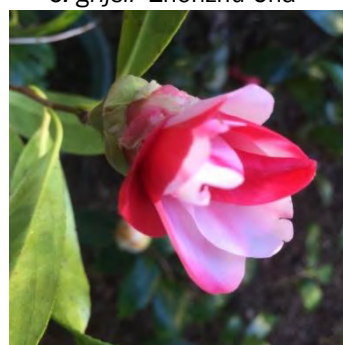
Grape Soda



Henry E Huntington



Hageromo



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Lila Naff



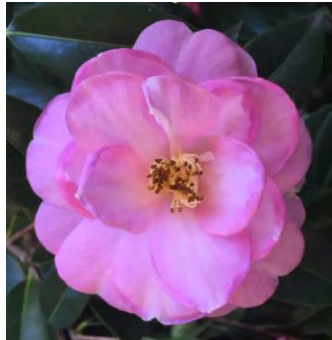
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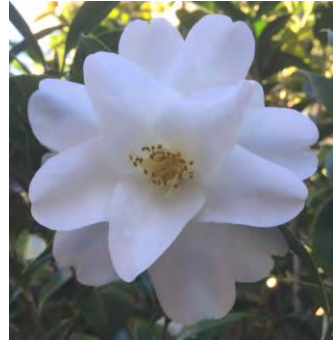
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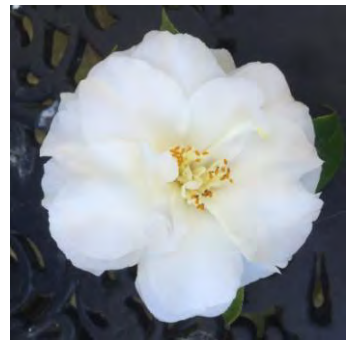
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Margaret Waterhouse



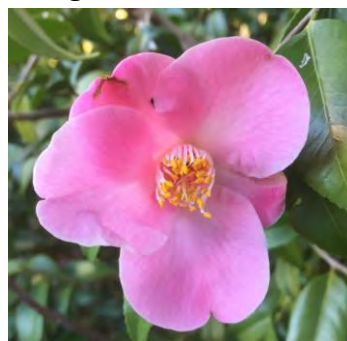
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Matilija Poppy



Merrilees



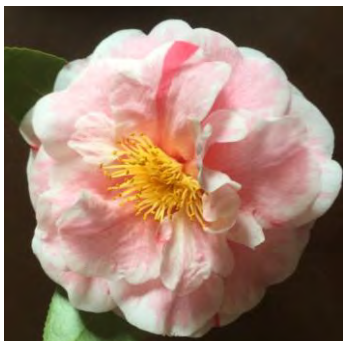
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Mrs Bell



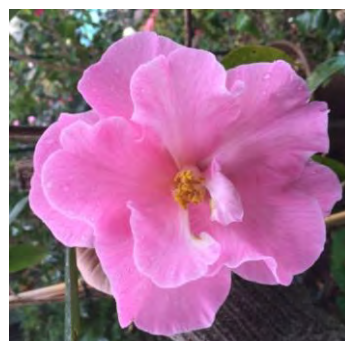
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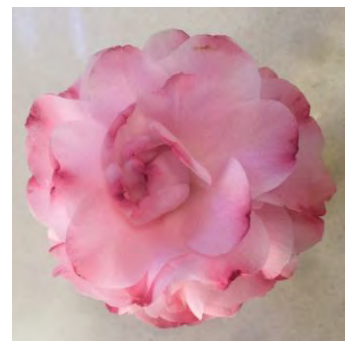
Nancy Bird



New Day Rise



Nicky Crisp



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Nuccio's Pearl



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Otahuhu Beauty



Paradise Sylvia



Polar Bear



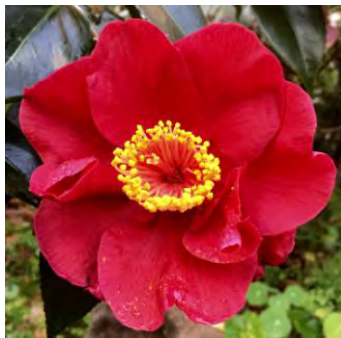
Red Crystal



Royal Velvet



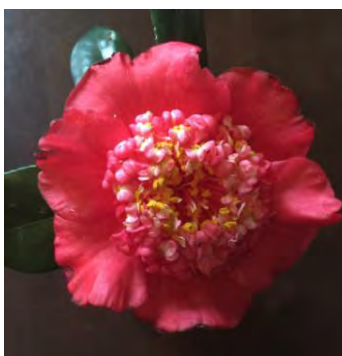
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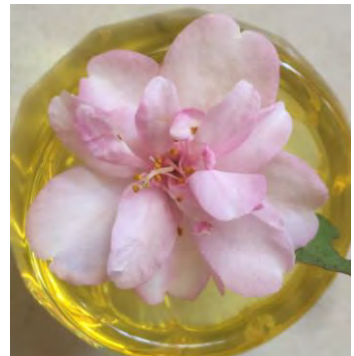
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Shiranui



Showgirl



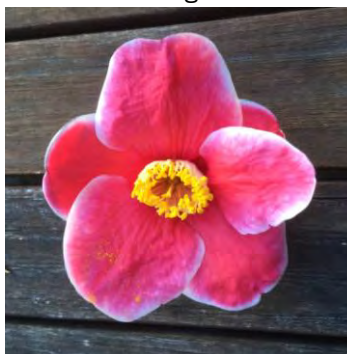
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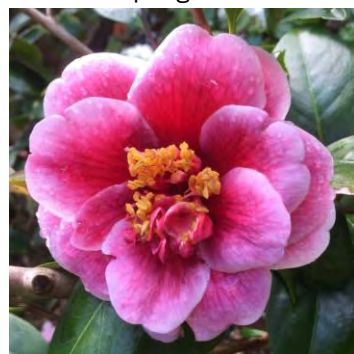
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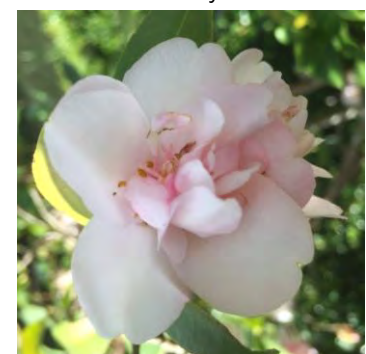
Susan Stone



Tama No Ura



Tama Vino



Tiny Princess



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