

# Bush

# NANGARIN



# News

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### Our Special Woodland

Cumberland Plain Woodland is the main vegetation of the fertile shale soils of Western Sydney. It is easy to distinguish it from the vegetation of Sydney's large national parks which occur on infertile sandstone soils.

Firstly the Cumberland Plain is a grassy woodland and the trees are well spaced with grass and only occasional shrubs underneath - very different to the shrub forests and heath you will see elsewhere. Another big difference is the canopy trees. Instead of the Scribbly Gums, Peppermints and Angophoras of the sandstone National Parks the main trees of the Cumberland Plain Woodlands are Forest Red Gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*), Grey Box (*Eucalyptus moluccana*) and Ironbark (*Eucalyptus crebra*).

Because they occur on the fertile soils suited to agriculture and housing the Cumberland Plain Woodlands are mostly cleared and the 6% which remain are mostly found on private land rather than protected in national parks. For these reasons the ecosystem is classified as critically endangered. This makes the woodlands that remain all the more important to protect and restore.

The woodlands at Nangarin are particularly important in supporting the local flora and wildlife. While some of the plants and animals you will see here can be found in the sandstone country (such as echidnas & kookaburras) others are unique to the woodlands and rely on them to survive.

In winter at Nangarin you may be lucky enough to see some brilliant red-colored robins flying about. These are the Flame Robin and Scarlet Robin. These beautiful birds rely on woodland including the Cumberland Plain and they migrate here every winter. Not all of the unique wildlife is so obvious - there is even an endangered species of snail - the Cumberland Plain Land Snail - which is found only in these woodlands and helps maintain a healthy ecosystem. It feeds on native fungi so your vegie gardens are perfectly safe.

Nangarin provides a home for these species as well as a corridor helping them move across the landscape. By restoring our woodlands we will see an increase in local wildlife and ensure future generations can enjoy seeing this fascinating part of our local natural heritage.

*Peter Ridgeway, Senior Land Services Officer, GSLLS*



Join the very knowledgeable Peter Ridgeway on this guided spotlight tour of the Nangarin Woodland for a rare glimpse into the hidden night-life that surrounds us. A must for all ages curious to know more about the local nocturnal wildlife. Tour is free and all residents are invited.

When: **Saturday 19 th August 2017**

Meeting at **6:00 PM**.

**Important:** Please register your interest to attend by following the LINK on the Nangarin Website: [nangarin.com](http://nangarin.com) Meeting point and other details will be advised in early August to residents who have registered using the above link.



Discover the differences between native plants and weeds, as well as, techniques to identify and control them. Toolijooa Environmental Restorations are holding an information session for Nangarin Residents and friends. All are welcome - session is free.

When: **Saturday 26 th August 2017**

Meeting at **1:00 PM** Nangarin BBQ Shelter

Please register your interest in this event through the Nangarin Website as above.