

In My Garden

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More fire recovery forest observations at Currowan.

The gravel and clay of our burnt driveway entrance continues to surprise with small plants popping up. Amongst them are several plants of *Schelhammera undulata*, “Lilac Lily”, a low-growing herb with striking flowers about 15 mm across. To the south, I can only find a record in the Bournda National Park, north of Merimbula, but further north between Moruya and Nowra there are many records on the Budawang Coast Nature Map (budawangcoast.naturemapr.org). The photos online show a variable flower shape, so perhaps there is more than one species involved?



A drive up the ridge nearby on severely burnt Pig Rd has yielded a couple of beautiful plants of *Scaevola ramosissima*, a species I have tried in vain to grow.

Also in the gravel along the edge of the road was one plant of *Stylidium graminifolium* in flower. These small delicate species on the edge of the road are conspicuous because the ridge was so severely impacted by fire that little of the shrub and tree layer has regenerated.

