

The Winifred Curtis Scamander Reserve

..... a place of living history

Honouring the late Dr Winifred M Curtis, AM, M.Sc, PhD (Lon), D.Sc (Lon), Hon D.Sc (Tas), FLS. - Tasmania's most esteemed botanist.



Grasstree (*Xanthorrhoea australis*)

The Winifred Curtis Scamander Reserve is administered by a not-for-profit trust. The Reserve is maintained by volunteers and funding is reliant on tax deductible donations from the community.

Donations are always appreciated and can be deposited to:

BSB: 632—001 Account: 100067342

or posted to:

The Chairman of Trustees, PO Box 123, Scamander, Tasmania 7215.

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What and where is it?

The Winifred Curtis Scamander Reserve is an 80 hectare private nature reserve located two (2) kilometres south of Scamander on Tasmania's east coast.

What makes the Reserve special?

It is a last remnant of dry coastal sclerophyll bushland, marshland and heath land in the Break O'Day Municipality, largely untouched since the time of European settlement. (1820's)

What can be found there?

- Over 150 species of native trees, shrubs and plants have been recorded in the Reserve.
- Over 60 species of fungi have been identified.
- Over 90 land and water-based bird species have been observed.
- Many Tasmanian marsupials and countless invertebrates inhabit the Reserve.
- Tranquil reflections on adjacent Henderson Lagoon and expansive vistas from the reserve's lookouts of the east coast from Falmouth to St Helens Island.

Dr Winifred M. Curtis —Tasmania's most distinguished professional botanist.



The late Dr Curtis (left) is best known for her five-volume series entitled *The Student's Flora of Tasmania*, describing the native and naturalised flowering plants of this State. When she was appointed University of Tasmania Senior Lecturer in Botany in 1951 and Reader in Botany in 1956 she was the most senior woman at the University at that time. Dr Curtis' contribution to Tasmanian plant science has been immeasurable. She was honoured as a Fellow of the Linnean Society (FLS) and an Honorary Life Member of the Royal Society of Tasmania. A frequent visitor to the reserve to which she generously gave her name, she regarded it a rare example of pristine bushland. Photo: University of Tasmania

What facilities are available for visitors?

There are seven (7) kilometres of easy walking tracks, encompassing the whole spectrum of the Reserve's 16 ecosystems. The Old Coach Road enables access for high clearance vehicles to the Ford, a pleasant picnic and fishing site. Trail/quad-bikes are not permitted. The map shows picnic tables. The nearest toilets are on the south side of the Scamander bridge.

Before entering the Reserve

Visitors are advised to wear appropriate walking attire and apply insect repellent.

Whilst in the reserve

- Visitors are requested to respect the environment by refraining from picking or removing flora and/or firewood, lighting fires or littering.
- Dogs may be exercised but must be on a leash or under close sight control.

What does it cost to visit the WCS Reserve?

Nothing; entrance is free all-year-round. Donations are always appreciated.

SOME SPECIAL PLANTS



Golden Pea



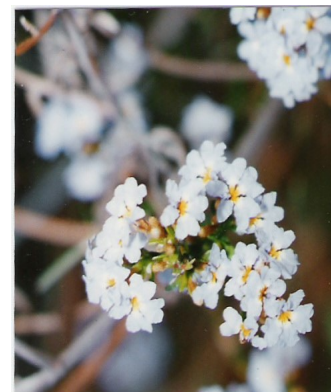
Lilac Bells



Common heath



Fringe Myrtle



Damperia



Prickly Moses