

**Features:**

The garden has an expansive view over the city towards Cataract Gorge and gives an urban glimpse of what will grow, without much watering, in a Northern Tasmanian garden. Visitors can appreciate the floral shrubs, small trees and herbaceous plants. A place of rare beauty particularly during the mass spring and early summer flowering.

History: The Northern Group of the APST Inc. work with the Launceston City Council to maintain a Tasmanian plant garden established in the Heritage Forest Reserve. In 2004/5 the Council erected fences, removed trees and laid gravel paths. Then, in Autumn 2005 after mulch had been laid and rabbit proof fences added, APST Northern Group members planted the area with Tasmanian species from Habitat Nursery and the Northern Group's own nursery. They had guidance from Herbert Staubmann from Habitat Plants and help from Conservation Volunteers. Regular working bees have been, and continue to be, held to plant more species, weed and spread more mulch.

The Tasmanian Native Plants Garden in the Heritage Forest was officially opened by the Mayor of Launceston in 2011, and in 2013 the Heritage Forest Reserve celebrated its 25th Anniversary. That year the Heritage Forest Tasmanian Native Plants Garden was officially opened to the public. The Garden celebrated its 10th anniversary on 25th October 2015 with a very successful activity.