

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY PLANT SHOW AND TELL

3 May 2021



Isabella's Rosebank garden

Justicia lutea, with
Plectranthus ambiguus in the
background.

These are near to a few roses,
so the area does get regular
water and feeding in summer.





More of Isabella's garden



Kleinia galpinii, now *Senecio galpinii*, a succulent that tolerates drought but looks much better with water every two or three weeks.

Gladiolus dalenii, from the eastern parts of South Africa. Dorman in winter. Does get water approximately every two weeks in summer.

Aloe cooperi X *arborescens*. Needs water in summer as one parent is from summer rainfall areas.



Left:

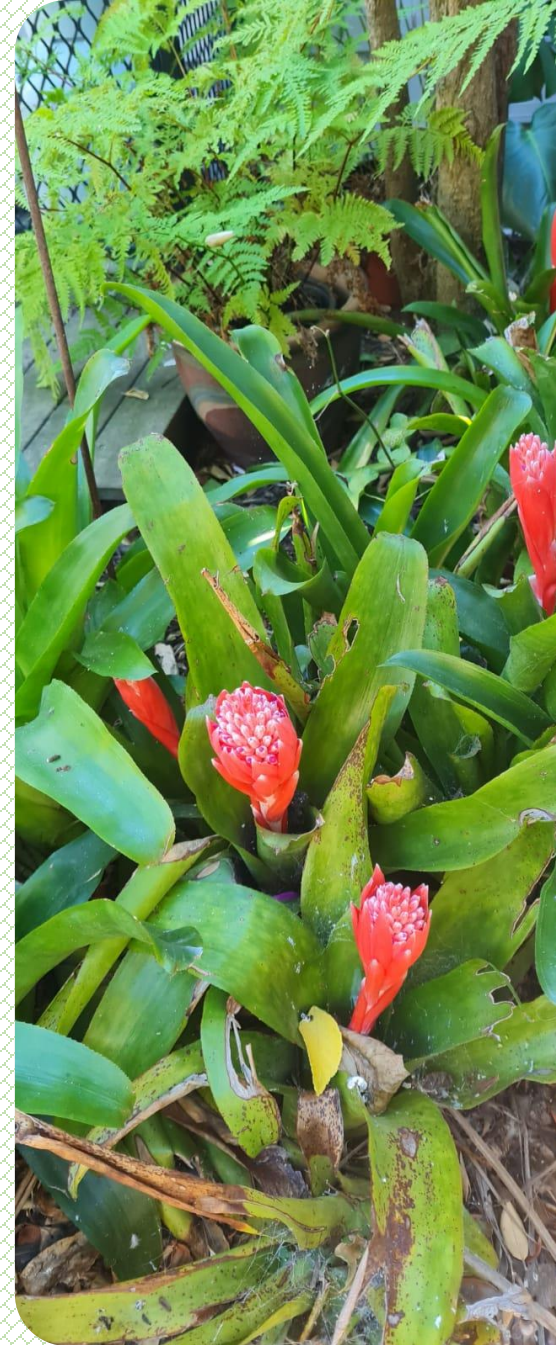
Also in Isabella's
Rosebank garden –
*Gymnocarpus
physocarpus* “Hairy
Balls” (amongst other
names).

Host plant for the
African Monarch
butterfly.

Waterwise, quite
weedy; prolific seeds.

Right:

Belinda's Imhoff's Gift garden –
Billbergia pyramidalis



Glenda and Andrew's
Pinelands garden



Haemanthus albiflos

Our *Haemanthus albiflos* has multiplied over the 4 or 5 years we have had it. Grows in shade; survives on wellpoint water (which is excessively high in salts), intermittent grey water and rain.

Website pza.sanbi.org tells us:

Haemanthus albiflos is the best known of the three evergreen species of *Haemanthus* and with its handsome leaves, long flowering season and red berries is an excellent choice for shady spots in the garden.

[[Haemanthus albiflos | PlantZAfrica \(sanbi.org\)](http://pza.sanbi.org/haemanthus-albiflos)]

Can be found from the Western Cape right up into KwaZulu Natal.



Myrtus communis variegata – flowering in December



Myrtus communis variegata covered in berries in April, and being enjoyed by a Cape Bulbul



Website letsgoplanting.co.uk tells us:

Myrtus communis variegata is a compact, evergreen, variegated Myrtle with glossy, dark green leaves margined creamy white. The white fragrant flowers are produced in abundance during the summer, followed in the autumn by purple-black shiny berries. Excellent food source for the garden wildlife.

[[Myrtus Communis Variegata. Shrubs for Sale UK. Letsgoplanting.co.uk](http://letsgoplanting.co.uk)]

John's Constantia garden

These March Lilies grow amongst other plants, including Jim Holmes' "Cape Bells", whose leaves are visible. Two of the 3 bulbs you see in the picture flowered this year, and he has several clumps like this.



John has this to say:

My March Lily (*Amaryllis belladonna*) bulbs have multiplied. Big ones are clumped together.

- Will separating and replanting them improve flowering, or retard them from flowering next year?
- Is now the right time to do it?
- Or should I just leave them?



To end, *Strelitzia reginae* with a male Southern Double-Collared Sunbird looking for nectar.

