

Norfolk Island Vegetation Survey and Mapping

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Plumbago zeylanica (Norfolk Plumbago)

Hello yorlye,

This is an update on the Norfolk Island Vegetation Mapping and Survey project, an independent project that commenced in September 2018 and will be completed by March 2020.

January 2020 Fieldwork

- We are looking forward to spending early January surveying the native vegetation of Norfolk Island. This is our third field trip, and again we will be surveying mostly on foot.
- Some important native vegetation is on private land, and we may ask permission to survey your land. To all of the landholders who have already allowed us to survey their land, we say a heartfelt **thank you**. We treat access to private land as a privilege, and we respect anyone's right to say no.

Aerial Survey by Drone

- This is the first time we are bringing our drone to Norfolk, hoping to see some of the more inaccessible vegetation. We are not interested in anything the drone 'sees' except native vegetation, and we aim to be courteous and respectful at all times. If you have any concerns, please let us know.
- Our small drone is registered and operated as per CASA and Norfolk Island regulations, including Privacy legislation. Our operator, Nick Christian has a Remote Pilot License and Operator's Certificate.

Project Aim

- This project will produce the first ever island-wide vegetation maps of Norfolk Island; one showing current native vegetation and one showing pre-1770 vegetation cover. The main aim of the project is to help Norfolk Island landholders to justify funding applications to restore their land.
- The maps will also identify important areas for weeding, replanting and habitat. The mapping will be made freely available, and we envisage many environmental grant applications will benefit.

Who is Running this Project? Any Questions?

- This independent project by the Invasive Species Council is funded by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation through the Eldon and Anne Foote Trust. It is managed by Tierra Mar and carried out by Naomi Christian and Kevin Mills. The Norfolk Island Regional Council, Parks Australia and many kind volunteers have provided support. For further information, visit www.naomichristianconsulting.com or get in touch

Yours sincerely

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