

The Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce invites you to...

Join the Ant Hunt



Workshop & field days

- Set the traps 18/25 May
- Trap deployment 1 June
- Trap collection 8 June

Set the traps

Activity: Workshop 18 & 25 May
Kuranda Envirocare Nursery
284 Myola Rd, Kuranda
From 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Afternoon tea provided



Deploy the traps

Activity: Field, easy terrain 1 June
Russett Park Infestation Site
Cadagi Dr, Russett Park
From 8:00am - 12:00pm
Large morning tea provided
Trap deployment & GPS training provided

Pick up traps

Activity: Field, easy terrain 8 June
Russett Park Infestation Site
Cadagi Dr, Russett Park
From 8:00am - 11:00am
Morning tea provided

Please RSVP

LIMITED SPOTS!

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Community Nursery and Landcare

Caring for Kuranda's Environment

"by standing on the shoulders of those who've gone before"

Nursery: 284 Myola Road, Mon & Thur 9.00-1.00pm; Sat 10.00-noon; Phone: 4093 8989/4093 8393

Join the Ant Hunt in May/June



The next phase of our sticky trap workshops has arrived and we will now use prepared sticky traps in the field. In June, Russett Park's infestation area will be surveyed to detect the presence or absence of YCA. Sticky traps will be deployed in the area by the taskforce with assistance from the YCA eradication program's field team. By finding the remaining YCA, we can target known areas of YCA presence and treat those spots with bait.

If you are interested in joining the hunt for YCA, we have 15 spots available for priming the traps workshops on 18th and 25th May at the Envirocare nursery, 15 spots for the trap layout in the field on 1st June and 15 spots for trap collection from the field on 8th June. Please contact Ciara Bridgland on 0411 193 720 or yca.ciara@gmail.com to claim your spot.

Butterflies For Your Garden

Try Lacewing vine — *Adenia heterophyllus*

In a garden setting it needs well drained soil, grows rapidly to 3m, needs supporting tree, plenty of water, part to full sun, and has pale yellow flowers



Seed pods become blood red before bursting to seed. Host plant for the Redder Lacewing (pictured) and Cruiser butterflies.

\$2 donation per plant, all proceeds to conservation activities.

Two Different Ant Infestations.

Kuranda residents may be confused about our current ant problems.

The Kuranda region has infestations of two completely different tramp ants, in completely different areas, being managed by completely different organisations in two different ways. Each of them poses a huge threat to our way of life and to the Wet Tropics and each of them is exceedingly difficult, costly but absolutely necessary to eradicate.

First kid on the block was the Electric Ant, tiny (think sugar ants) and slow moving and localised largely within the Kuranda township. Biosecurity Queensland is managing this infestation which was thought to be nearly under control last year but which has now re-emerged. It is the subject of a media blitz, including ads on TV.

Later to arrive was the Yellow Crazy Ant (YCA), first found up here in Russett Park but active in Southern Cairns where there are huge infestations. This is a much larger and more active ant (think 3/4 the size of a green ant) which is being managed by the Wet Tropics Management Authority with the assistance of a group of volunteers from the Kuranda region. It is this YCA program which has been the subject of many columns in this paper.

Date Claimers

- **2nd May (Thursday)** 7.00pm Speaker – Maree Treadwell-Kerr on all things Bat, Kuranda Rec Centre. All welcome.
- **4th May (Saturday)** Bat Festival, @ The Pier, Cairns 10.00am till 4.00pm
- **18th & 25th May (Saturday)** 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Sticky ant trap set up workshop
- **1st June & 8th June (Saturday)** 8.00am to 12.00 noon. Sticky traps Field layout and pickup at Cadagi Drive, Russett Park
- Frog Monitoring week **19-25th May**. To confirm text Cathy 0419 624 940 or Simone on 0432 216 816
- **11th, 18th & 25th (Saturday)** 8.00am to 9.30am. Tree Planting Cadagi Drive, Russett Park. Meet at nursery 284 Myola Road at 8.00am or call Cathy on 0419 624 940 for details. Email info@envirocare.org.au to be placed on the regular email list.

Become a member, borrow the Box Trailer. All plugs catered for. Ring Hans on 0459 978 842 to book

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