

# TINY CREATURES IN OUR CREEKS

## Planting Guide for Native Plants

(with Mr. + Mrs. + Mrs.)

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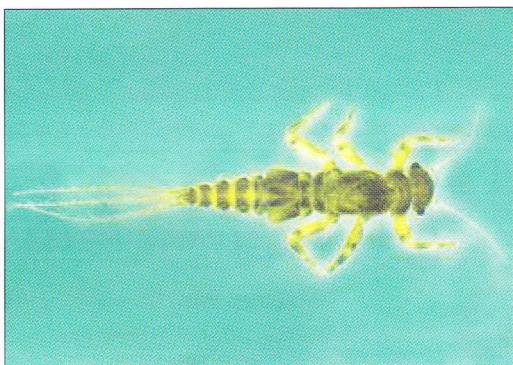
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We all know that fish live in some creeks, but many smaller creatures live there too. We can see how healthy our creeks are by checking for macroinvertebrates or "waterbugs". These are typically 2 to 10mm long, so although a magnifying glass can be handy, you don't need a microscope.

Macroinvertebrates are an important part of the food web as they recycle organic matter from animal waste and dead plants and animals. Waterbugs like to live in different parts of the creek like rocky ledges or for others, in decaying leaf packs. Some, like the mayfly shown, are more sensitive to pollution so health of the waterway can be measured by which waterbugs are found in the creek.

The Australian Museum has started to measure what waterbugs exist in Sydney's creeks. Our local Landcare group has now done this in Still and Charltons creeks. If you would like join us to see how this measurement is done then contact Chris 9653 3870 or via email StillCreekLandcare@inet.net.au, the website StillcreekLandcare.com.au or on Facebook.



Mayfly (Photo: Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre)

## NSW Begonia Society Monthly Meeting.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 2:00pm

Bloomin' Greenery Nursery 226 Annangrove Road ANNANGROVE. NSW 2156

This month's speaker's topic is "Getting the most out of your shrub-like Begonias".

Visitors Welcome.

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## Cumberland Orchid Circle inc.

The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in Barton Hall, which is situated in Gough Drive (off David Road), Castle Hill. The meeting will start at 8.00pm and will last approx 2.0 hrs. At the meeting, orchids in bloom will be benched for a monthly point score competition. The guest speaker for February will be past Circle member John Hurst, who will demonstrate how to deflask an orchid culture (get orchid seedlings out of a tissue culture flask).

At each meeting there is a sales table selling plants brought along by members, in addition to accessories used for orchid culture. During our supper interval, there will be time to "compare notes" and seek advice from other members.

Visitors & new members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Circle's Publicity Officer on 9481 8895.



Stanhopea nigroviolacea, or Upside Down Orchid

## NSW Begonia Society's 26<sup>th</sup> Exhibition & Sale of Begonias.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 10:00am to 3:00pm

Bloomin' Greenery Nursery 226 Annangrove Road ANNANGROVE. NSW 215

Displays, talks, demonstrations, and plants for sale.

Light refreshments available.

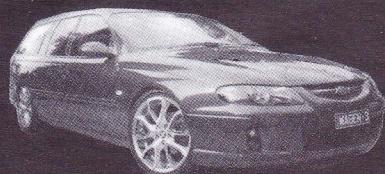
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