

## Launceston Field Naturalists Club does it again

Who said Tasmanian native plants are not attractive and colourful? The fifth edition of '*A Guide to Flowers & Plants of Tasmania*' shows over 170 pages of flowers and foliage that would surely appeal to the most ardent sceptic.

Decorative appeal is not the primary purpose of the book however; it is written in such a way as to enable non-technical people to identify Tasmanian indigenous flora across a range of habitats from coastal to subalpine.

Not only does the book include illustrations; it has a detailed description of each plant and an illustrated glossary of terms for leaves and flowers. In many cases there are illustrations of both flowers and fruits.

The first edition appeared in 1981 and was edited by the late Mary Cameron; it is only fitting that she should be one of the dedicatees of edition five along with Marion and the late John Simmons.

This edition includes 30 new plants and some more recent photographs of those previously listed. Like previous editions, the foreword is written by the late Dr Winifred Curtis.

It is available from Petrarch's Bookshop in Launceston for \$32.95 and no doubt from other book retailers.

The very professional presentation of this book, with its excellent photography, makes it a possession that could be used proudly to adorn any coffee table.

Peter Dowde

