

GARDEN NOTES

MISTOVER

Welcome to Mistover - birdlife, swimming pool, fishpond, camellias, open and sunny.

- Stone steps, woodland setting, crazy paving, lovely Edna Walling architecture.



As you stroll down the long driveway flanked by vibrant agapanthus on both sides, your senses are enveloped in a picturesque scene. The first sign of this garden's treasures.

We loved everything about Mistover. So, we purchased in 2017, not knowing a thing about Edna Walling, and no idea about gardening and this Village, we now belong to Mistover's garden.

The garden is a lot more open than the others here today, mainly because of the removal of privet. Having privet in your garden can be both a blessing and a curse. On one hand, it's cherished for its dense foliage, which provides privacy, acts as a sound barrier, and adds a touch of greenery to the landscape. However, the problem with privet lies in its aggressive growth habit and invasive nature.

The removal of privet has made way for other beautiful plants. I have planted many new plants and now all they need is a good dose of spring. Salvias captivate with their enchanting beauty, boasting a kaleidoscope of hues from rich purples to fiery oranges and delicate blues, inviting pollinators like bees and honey eaters to dance amidst their fragrant petals. I love salvias, we have at least fifteen different coloured salvias at Mistover.

A crabapple tree is a vision of enchantment in any garden. In spring, it bursts into a dazzling display of delicate blossoms, painting the landscape with hues of pink, white, or red. Each flowering is a masterpiece of intricate petals, exuding a sweet fragrance that beckons bees and butterflies.

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The loss of a large crabapple tree shading one of our courtyards was so disappointing when the clusters of flowers and rain were too heavy and broke a large branch. Unfortunately, we were unable to save the tree. The planting of a new tree several years ago, sees new growth every year.

Camellias, often celebrated for their exquisite blooms, are like delicate works of art in nature. The flowers range from simple, single-petaled varieties to intricate, multi-layered forms, showcasing a mesmerizing array of colours including shades of white, pink, red, and even variegated patterns. All here to enjoy.

Mistover is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri People. Open Gardens Victoria wishes to acknowledge the Traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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