

## Kym Sparshott



Kym has an interest in a wide range of Australian flora and fauna. She has worked as a botanist with both the Queensland Herbarium and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, with expertise in plant identification, flora/fauna surveys and vegetation mapping. In 2022, she established a family business, Leaf Tail Environmental, with her husband, Peter, and sons, Ben and James. Kym's formal qualifications are in Horticulture and she has a lifelong interest in propagating and growing Australian natives as well as introduced plants, and has an extensive garden at Ravensbourne. She also manages an eco-accommodation property in the tropical rainforest of North Queensland.

### **“The Flora of Crows Nest”**

Kym has been part of a project team who have recently completed an intensive flora/fauna survey for a conservation area on the eastern side of Crows Nest township. This area, known as Dingo Mountain, is a scenic landscape comprised of both sandstone and granite sections, dissected by Crows Nest Creek. The team recorded more than 430 native plants (including mosses, lichens and fungi) and almost 300 species of fauna. In this talk she will share their discoveries about the reserve's diverse vegetation types, beautiful native flora, and perhaps some of the fauna too.

