

Tasmanian Landcaring Grants Funded Project Case Studies

Case Study 3: Biodiversity back from the edge – The North East Bioregional Network Groups “Restore Skyline Tiers” Project.

Scorched, blackened earth littered with the burnt husks of exotic pine trees (*Pinus radiata*) is the starting point for an incredibly ambitious but proven project to restore the native vegetation of the Skyline Tier between St Helens and Scamander. The North East Bioregional Network has worked tirelessly to recognise, plan and implement this major opportunity to restore a very large area (over 320 ha) of unproductive pine plantation to native vegetation. It is a deceptively simple process of removing exotic pine seedlings (“wildings”) and any mature pines that still produce seeds. But the land is steep, rocky and most is only navigable by foot. The project has involved a combination of contractors and their machinery supported by active volunteer working bees. Persistence has paid off with many areas now free of wildings where the native vegetation is responding well to the lack of competition for light, nutrients and water.



“View of Exotic Pine Plantation, after harvesting and wildfire, Skyline Tier, North East Bioregional Network project”

“View of rapidly recovering native vegetation, Skyline Tier, North Bioregional Network Project”

