



One Tree Art Prize

Artist: Sharron Williams

Title: The Tree with the Bird's Nest Brooch

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There's something quietly special about the trees we live alongside for years - they become part of the rhythm of home, witnesses to daily life and changing seasons. This *Hibiscus tiliaceus* has been part of my creative world for more than twenty-five years, appearing in many art projects since I planted it soon after moving into our home. Over time it has grown into one of the great habitat trees of our garden, alive with insects, shade and birdsong.

While pruning the tree before a green waste collection, I accidentally uncovered a tiny bird's nest hidden among the branches. The smaller limbs were already destined for the mulch pile when I realised what I had cut away. I'm not certain who built the nest, but I suspect it belonged to a New Holland



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Honeyeater - noisy little characters that dart through the garden, chattering and fiercely guarding their territory.

The discovery was both beautiful and humbling. It reminded me how much life exists quietly around us, often unnoticed until we pause long enough to see it. This tree is more than part of a garden now; it is a small ecosystem, a shelter, and a reminder of the connection between care, creativity and the natural world.