



Title: *"Blossom Photographer"*

Description: Blossoms, Dunedin Botanic Gardens

Photographer: Trevor Douglas

Where, when: Dunedin Botanic Gardens, September 2020.

Sustainability? While I was looking for Multi Exposure shots as a photographic challenge I decided on this combination. The message I had in my mind was that we are all part of Nature and not in control of it as we think we are.

Botanical gardens, parks are very important places in towns and cities for retreat from busy lives, contemplation, and first-hand experience of nature. About 90% of New Zealanders live in towns and cities, and not all of them can get out into the country to immerse themselves in the colour, sound and smell of nature and to experience the seasonal pulses. I have taken many photographs in Dunedin Botanical Garden over the years and see many other shutterbugs snapping away whenever I visit.

Gardens like that in Dunedin also offer an opportunity for volunteers to give back to nature and their community. This act of giving back is important for many people's sense of wellbeing and to maintain a sense of purpose in an increasingly fast world. Surveys have shown that support for environment is strongest in children and teenagers and amongst older (60 years and over) people. Many conservation organisations are powered by retirees who in turn are nourished by having the opportunity to educate and care for plants and animals.

Photo notes: Exposure 1/125s at 55 mm focal length, f/5 aperture and ISO-200.

Digital specs: 4,896 x 2,400 pixels (12 MP).

Key words: Blossom, Flowers, Dunedin, Botanic Gardens, Double Exposures, urban nature, Trevor Douglas, Aotearoa, New Zealand, Sustainability.

Price: \$200 (incl. GST) for use of the digital image.

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Donation: The price includes a \$100 donation to a sustainability organisation or project of your choice, or otherwise for *Friends of Dunedin Botanical Garden* <https://www.friendsdbg.co.nz/>.

I recommend that the donation goes to *Friends of Dunedin Botanical Garden* to help fund their upcoming Children's Garden, a Demonstration Garden, and the redevelopment of the Information Centre. Friends of the Dunedin Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit incorporated society that was formed in 1986.

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Trevor Douglas, 23 November 2021.