



Welcome!



It is wonderful how the days are getting longer, and the weather is warmer and before you know it, it's spring! There is plenty out in flower at the moment, with some people saying it is the best wildflower season in ten years. This could be partly the result of some decent winter rains. If you want to plant out your own wildflower garden, there are many plants that will grow well in Perth. Have a look at our outback garden for some ideas.

We hope you have a great colourful spring!

Ross, Jackie and the team at Zanthorrea.



Now is a perfect time to get your Kangaroo Paws in for a flowering show at Christmas!
Try out a patch of Big Reds or Yellow Gems!

Congratulations Danielle and Peter

Congratulations to team member Danielle and her husband Peter on their recent wedding. We wish you all the best together!



Verge Sign Competition

We love a quirky verge sign and are looking for some new ideas. Send in your idea to info@zanthorrea.com and if we use your idea we will send you a \$50 gift voucher to Zanthorrea. Please leave a contact name, phone number and email address so we can get in touch.

TIP: Keep it concise, clean and witty!



Open Gardens West Coast

We are proud to be a premium sponsor of the Open Gardens West Coast. Visiting an open garden is a fantastic thing to do and can give you plenty of ideas for your home garden. There are approximately twenty three a year, with plenty of variety, so have a look at their website and find gardens that interests you.

www.opengardenswestcoast.org/

What's On



Choosing the Best Native Plants for your Garden.

Join Angus Stewart for a talk on how to choose the best Australian plants for your garden. Angus has been a presenter on Gardening Australia for many years and has a wealth of knowledge on native plants.

10am Sunday, 30th of September.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

RSVP on: 08 9454 6260



Garden Photography Tutorial

Join Erinna Ford for a tutorial on photographing patterns in nature. Erinna is a professional photographer who will provide hints and tips on how to improve your photography skills.

14th of October at 10am.

\$20 fee, half of which is donated to Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. **RSVP on 08 94546260.**

Light refreshments provided by Zanthorrea after the tutorial.

Photography Competition Notice

This year we are shifting our photography competition to summer for an extra challenge and to capture a new range of plants!



Native Plants with a Purpose

Plants for Narrow Spaces.

With block sizes decreasing and house sizes on the rise, there is less room in our gardens for plants. A common request at Zanthorrea is for narrow plants, especially for borders and screens.

Our plant buyer Diana has sourced the following:



Callistemon viminalis 'Slim' is a unique narrow growing bottlebrush, easy to grow with bright red flowers. 3m high x 1m wide.



Ricinocarpus 'Pencil Wedding Bush' has rich green foliage with masses of white flowers in late spring, perfect for a decorative narrow hedge.

3m high x 1.3m wide.

Correa lawrenceana 'red form' grows happily in sun to heavy shade. It has glossy leaves and tubular red bird attracting flowers.

2m high x 1.2m wide. Diana



Butterfly Bliss

Butterflies add a touch of movement and gentle whimsy to the garden. They are colourful and mesmerising. They can be lured into our gardens by providing nectar rich plants and food for their voracious caterpillars. There are said to be over 60 species of native butterflies in WA, as well as a number of well known introduced ones.

The following are a few principles for attracting butterflies to your garden:

Position:

Butterflies love the sun and are attracted to moisture in the garden. Ideally, provide a somewhat moist sunny spot, with shrubs nearby to provide shelter in the heat of the day and to protect their delicate wings from the sun.



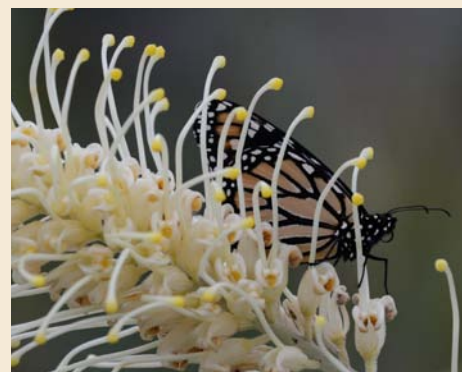
Chorizema cordatum is an excellent plant for feeding caterpillars.

The need for food:

The key to a successful butterfly garden is to provide food for every stage from eggs to caterpillars to adults. Caterpillars eat green leafy food plants, while butterflies sup on nectar.

Food for caterpillars:

A sign of a good caterpillar garden is well chewed plants! The following plants are good for egg laying and caterpillar food: Wattles (eg, *Acacia saligna*), pea plants such as *Chorizema*, fan flowers (*Scaevola*), native wisteria (*Hardenbergia*) and *Lomandras*.



Nectar rich Grevillea 'Moonlight'.

Perfect plants to supply nectar for adult butterflies:

Butterflies are attracted to colourful flowers, especially blues, lemons, creams and pinks in massed displays. These plants are magnets for butterflies: everlasting daisies (*Rhodanthe* spp), *Bracteantha*, *Brachyscombe*, *Pimeleas*, *Melaleucas*, *Kunzea ambigua*, *Goodenia ovata*, *Grevillea crithmifolia*, *Geraldton wax* (*Chamelaucium* spp).

No chemicals please!

To create a balanced healthy garden where butterflies and other creatures can flourish, it is wise to avoid pesticides. Accepting a few holes in leaves is a small price to pay to attract butterflies and other insects to your garden.

Happy butterfly gardening!

With thanks to SGA for their excellent article on butterflies. Find the full story at:

<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/butterflies/>

- Jackie



Frog Friendly Gardening



Life Around Water.

Now that the winter rains are easing, it's not a bad idea to think about adding a water source to your garden to help our native wildlife through out long dry summers.

I first sensed the need for an additional water source in my garden when visiting frogs began laying their eggs in my birdbaths and dog water bowls!! (*They continue to do that but at least now I can transfer them to a pond.*)

Over the past few years I have added a couple of small pots and large water bowls to my back yard and am amazed how the balance of my garden has changed.

I particularly enjoy watching the dragonflies hovering over the water in warmer weather and the glorious chorus of motorbike frogs at sunset in summer.



The addition of water plants helps insect and frog life enter and exit the water safely, as well as adding protection and filtering and oxygenating the water.

I often find bees and dragonflies sitting on the launching pad of a pond plant and tadpoles using them

as protection from predatory birds, (which are yet another link in the chain that are encouraged by water in the garden).

Small minnows eat up any mosquito larvae that may hatch in the pond and are little to no maintenance. (Your local pond/pet shop can offer you other native options such as Pigmy perch.)



Many of the native pond plant options are also little to no maintenance, only needing to be thinned out occasionally.

If you don't have a large pond, why not try a 'floating ring', designed for a standard pond plant to fit into and simply float around your pond.

Anyway... think about adding a water source and a couple of pond plants to your garden, wait for summer and sit back and enjoy the chorus... reebitt!



Note there are websites such as museum.wa.gov.au/explore/frogwatch/tadpole-exchange-program

that can put you in touch with people in your area with tadpoles to share.
- Lisa



September Plant of the Month

This month our Kanyana Plant of the Month is the Lomandra 'Little Con'. This is one of the smallest of the lomandras and is a really useful plant for edging paths.

Grows to 30cm by 30cm.

\$1 from the sale of each plant will be donated to Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.



Chamelaucium Tumbelina

Here is another new release wax flower to Zanthorrea: Chamelaucium Tumbelina, a low weeping form of C. uncinatum. Easily maintained at a low height makes this one perfect for a low maintenance hedge, or as a stand out pot specimen. We will have our first batch of plants ready late September.



We will have a small batch of the annual Rottneest Island Daisies available late spring. Check in October for stock.



In the Gift Shop



Eco Bags

The time has come to kick the placky bag habit. We have a fantastic range of eco bags available from multiple suppliers! Check out the shopping trolley bags from Annabel Trends!



Solemates Doormats

These fun doormats are made from coconut fibre and recycled rubber from melted down tyres! From the tread of your car to under the tread of your boots! Many designs coming! From \$29.95



Imagine Ellie

Our favourite funny girls are back with new wine glass and champagne glass coolers! There are also a few new items to boot! Keep these in mind for lightweight Christmas gifts! From \$6.95.



Ashdene

These fun coffee mugs make a great Aussie gift for little ones or big ones! Arriving soon!



Sabrina Hahn

You know her voice but have you heard about her lovely range of gifts? Check out these gorgeous teatowel packs, oven mits, aprons, table runners and cushion covers!



Van Go

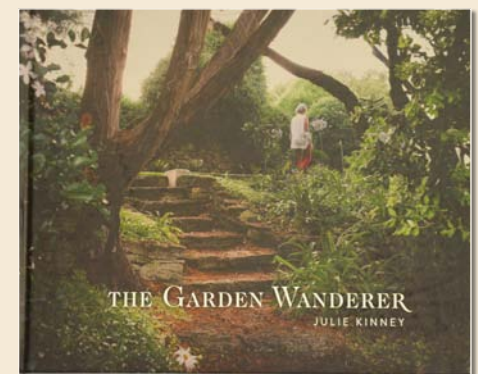
Look at their gorgeous new picnic styled design; Hippy days!



Little Global

This range of bodycare has a humorous twist!

- Danielle



Book Review:

The author of "The Garden Wanderer" is Margaret River local and garden tour guide Julie Kinney. Reading her book is like having a relaxing chat about gardens and people with a good friend. Warmly written with interesting tidbits about local South-West history and the evolution of the 20 featured gardens, which are all located in the Margaret River region. Luscious and majestic photography of the gardens put the icing on the cake, taking you on a wonderful journey down secret garden paths to admire the hard work and creativity of the gardeners from the comfort of your couch. Printed in West Australia. Relaxing and inspiring.

- Rose



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