



Welcome



Welcome Spring! We love this time of year. The days are growing longer and warmer. The sun is shining on happy gardens. Although it's warmer, some plants haven't come out of their winter blues just yet.

We have many attractive plants ready in our production area. They are looking terrific, and include *Isopogon formosus*, *Philotheca spicata* and variegated *Kuzaea baxteri*, plus many more!

In spring we start to think about preparing our garden for summer. We test our retic and help our garden be more waterwise. If you are looking for waterwise tips, we are here to help. Happy gardening,

Ross, Alec, Jackie and the team at Zanthorrea.



Farewell to Ben and Welcome to Pam and Laurel.

We say farewell to Ben who has been working with us for 2 years. Ben is moving to a position at the nursery in Kings Park. All the best Ben in your new job!

Welcome to Pam and Laurel who have joined the team, and bring with them a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for Australian plants.

Travel News



In late August, Alec and I took a week off to explore the wildflowers east of Geraldton.

We visited Mullewa, Coalseam and Mingenew, enjoying the best wildflower season for many years. As well as fields of everlastings, there were fabulous plants to admire: purple tetathecas, pink thryptomenes, yellow wattles, various eremophilas and bright purple dampieras. We loved the dainty everlastings dotted in the stony ground.

The Binnu to Nabawa road was spectacular. We found carpets of *Lechenaultia linarioides* that I find even more spectacular than the iconic wreath *lechenaultia*. A branching kangaroo paw we found was most surprising. (See page 2)

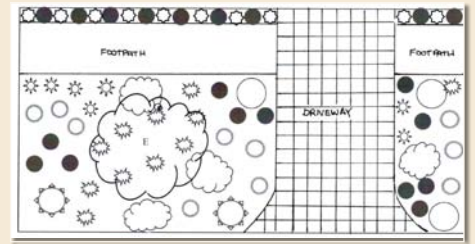


Other plants familiar to gardeners were: *verticordia*, *scholtzias*, *thryptomenes*, wattles, dampieras, eremophilas and *stylidium*s.

The Ellendale Pool area was another wildflower hotspot, where we found carpets of cowslip orchids, *Verticordia monodelpha*, and bright purple dampieras.

There is so much more to see off the beaten track. More wildflower travels on page 2. - Jackie

What's On



Creating an Australian Verge Garden

The front, often forgotten lawn verge can be so much more than a green carparking area. Join Janine and learn how you can convert your front verge lawn into a wonderful Australian native garden.

10am, Saturday 16th October
RSVP: 08 9454 6260

Gold Coin donation to Kanyana.



Music by the Black Chooks

Join us for a fun lively afternoon of music by the Black Chooks. Halloween dress up is optional. ;)

1pm, Sunday 31st October

No RSVP necessary.



Zanthorrea Sundowner

Enjoy the setting sun at Zanthorrea and join us for late night shopping. Non-alcoholic mulled wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served.

Wednesday 1st December, from 5.30pm to 7pm.

RSVP for Catering: 08 9454 6260



Travelling the Wildflower Way



Wildflower travels - Rose

I visited Kalbarri National Park in late July this year. I was really impressed with how the new skywalk functions as an extension of the landscape. Dotted below we saw beautiful patches of mauve thryptomenes highlighted against the red rocks. Along the ridge line, Grevillea petrophiloides made a picture perfect appearance. Here and there, the flame red glow of



Hakea orthorrhyncha also made itself known. We were even lucky enough to spot a tiny Thorny Devil lizard. - Rose



Greenmount National Park.

Not so far away we have another national park that has some wonderful wildflowers. I love coming here for a walk with the kids. You have some big coffee rocks, plenty of trees and shade along with the wildflowers. Recently this area had a fire go through it, and it is nice to see how it has grown back. Here are some plants from the walk:



Kennedia coccinea.

The coral vine, is a wonderful and variable plant local to the area. It can be a vigorous climber, to a low growing ground cover or shrub. The spring flowers are bright and cheery and I think they have a valuable place in the garden.



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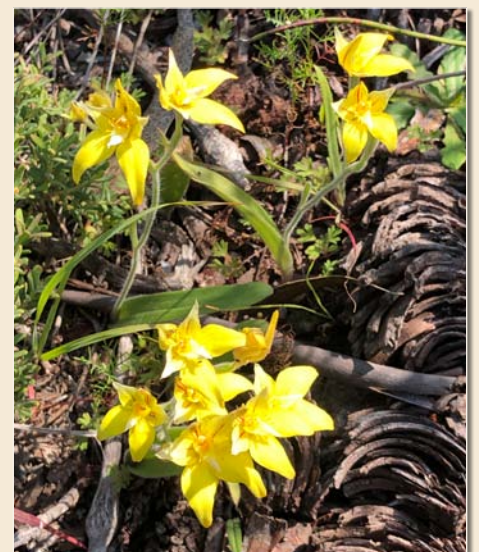
One of our local Grevilleas to the hills area, this understory shrub has light yellow flowers, and a prickly foliage. They are very hardy to the hills soil type and look great in a rockery. - Ross

More Plants from Jackie and Alec's Travels!



Anigozanthos manglesii

This rare branching form of the red and green kangaroo paw stopped us in our tracks!



Cowslip Orchids

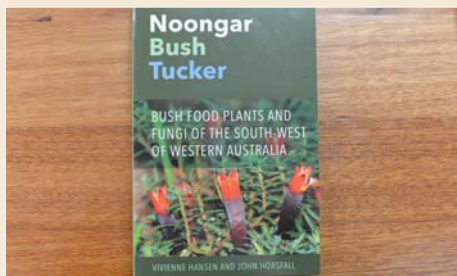
We discovered carpets of Cowslip orchids in wasteland on Burma Road, en route to Ellendale Pool. Such cheerful blooms!



Springtime Gardening

WA Edible Native Plants

With the increasing interest in edible native plants, it makes sense to plant them in our gardens. Not only do they bring the insects, bees and birds to our gardens, we also have plants that we can use to create food, teas and spices. A lot of marketing has highlighted many of these plants that are mostly from Eastern Australia. We are familiar with Lemon Myrtle, Davidsons Plum, Native Oregano just to name a few.



After reading through the book *Noongar Bush Tucker* by Vivienne Hansen and John Horsfall, I thought it would be fantastic to highlight some of Western Australia's Native Edibles.

The book is a very informative read and we have a lot to learn from the Traditional Land Owners of our State. The book is instore for purchase at \$34.95.

Here are a few of my favourite WA native edible plants:



Atriplex nummularia - Old Man Saltbush (Noongar Names: Purngep, Pining and Binga)

Seeds can be ground into flour to make a damper, leaves used as a spice or blanched and wrapped around meat/fish, or a steamed vegetable, and eaten raw in salads.



Platysace deflexa - Ravensthorpe Radish (Noongar Names: Youlk, Youcka and Yug)

Tubers have a pleasant taste and can be eaten raw, roasted or used in a stir fry. It is endemic to a small part of Western Australia.



Scaevola spinescens - Maroon Bush (Noongar Name: Murin Murin)

Small dark berries are edible and make a good snack. A tea can be made from the bush using leaves stems flowers and berries.



Tegragnonia tetragonoides - Native Spinach, Warrigal Greens (Noongar name not known)

Leaves can be eaten as a spinach alternative. Leaves contain oxalic acid and must be leached out by plunging in boiling water for about 3 minutes, then plunged into cold water to cool, gently squeeze the water out and it is ready to use. Water should be discarded.

Information has been sourced from *Noongar Bush Tucker* by Vivienne Hansen and John Horsfall. - Janine

Locals in Production

We love our wonderful Zanthorrea production area. It allows us to grow small batches of some of the stunning local, WA endemic species that are not often grown by the big commercial growers. Here are two of these plants fresh to retail for spring.



Philotheca spicata, commonly known as 'Salt and Pepper', is a small shrub that grows from Walpole to Jurien Bay and produces stunning sprays of delicate, pink flowers from winter to spring. It's great in rockeries, pots, and cottage style gardens.



Commonly known as the 'Oak-leaf Grevillea', **Grevillea quercifolia**, is another small shrub that grows in the forests from Perth to Albany. The stunning bright pink/purple flowers are held above the foliage in spring. Plant in pots, rockeries, or mixed garden beds. We only have a small batch of these, so get in early before they're all gone!

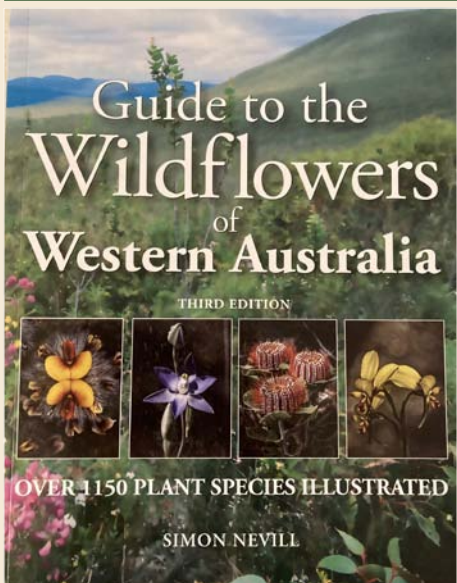


*Spring everlastings putting on a show!
Collect the seed for next years planting.*



Springtime Gift Ideas

Feature Books: Wildflower spotting references.



“Guide to the Wildflowers of Western Australia”

By Simon Nevill \$34.95.

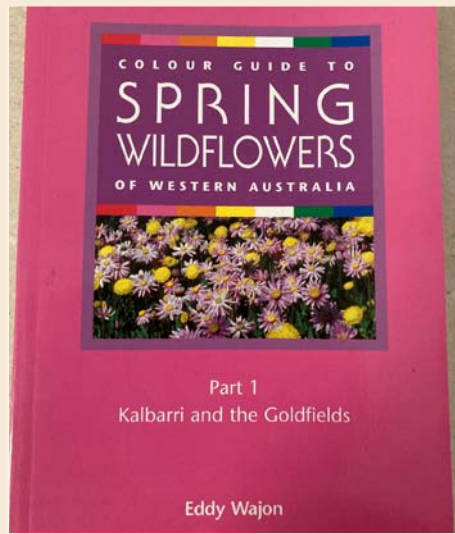
Did you know that WA has more than 13,000 recorded species of flowering plants? It can seem quite a task to the average person to try and identify flowers and plants that you see when bushwalking. Simon’s book gives us an interesting overview of the plant communities found within the South West, Central and Northern regions of Western Australia. Simon conducted wildlife tours for many years and records in the book his travel advice and flower viewing hotspots for Perth and the regions. 1150 plants species are photographed.

“Colour Guide to Spring Wildflowers of WA” Parts 1-4

By Eddy Wajon \$19.95 ea.

Eddy has taken a different approach to his books by arranging the plants by flower colour, to help the novice

wildflower enthusiast to identify their finds more easily. Clear photos are accompanied by common and botanical names, simple descriptions, flowering times, locations found and habitat. Each book covers a different region: Book 1 – Kalbarri and Goldfields, Book 2: Perth and SW, Book 3: Esperance and Wheatbelt, Book 4: Exmouth and Pilbara.



New to the Shop: “Hansa Collectables” Plush toys and Puppets



We have only had these toys in the shop for a few weeks now, but they have already been a big hit with customers young and old. Finely crafted and hand sculptured, realistic native animal reproductions. A cuddly, low maintenance addition to the family,

or an excellent prop for educators. Puppets \$58.95, Plush toys from \$30-\$75.



Fresh stock arrived: “House of Sharday” WA made fragrant products

These products have been popular with Zanthorrea customers for several years now. Perfumes, body lotions and room sprays inspired by the fragrances of our native flora. Our most popular selection is the Boronia Eau de Toilette and lotion.

Perfumery and skincare made in Harvey, WA.

Eau de toilette: \$34.95ea, Hand and Body Lotion \$24.95ea, Room Spray \$19.95ea.



Zanthorrea Perpetual Calendar

For recording birthdays of the people you love! \$9.95.



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