



Welcome

News

What's On



Welcome to the Festive Summer Season

We have had a beautiful spring season this year with plenty of extra rain. This has led to some fantastic wildflower spotting and helped our natural bushland. As we head into summer we turn our attention to drought resilience and what we can do for our garden. It is a good time to check all the retic is working correctly and get some fresh mulch on the ground. There are some plants that look their best with summer flowers, including the WA Christmas Tree and Red Flowering Gums. We hope you get plenty of time to enjoy the summer garden. Happy festive season from Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



Over summer is a great time to grow from seed, so long as you can ensure they don't dry out. If daily hand watering is not possible a simple retic system can be constructed with a 24 hour timed solenoid. Use a good quality seed raising mix and protect the young plants in some shade. Happy seeding.



Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce Awards Night

This year Zanthorrea supported the Kalamunda Chamber of commerce Awards by sponsoring the category: "Best Allied Healthcare". We were thrilled to present this award to the Mead Physio Group. Well deserved and a big congratulations from us at Zanthorrea!



The Award program recognises businesses in our community that are going above and beyond the standard to offer exceptional service and products.

We are proud to have won a few award categories over the years including: Excellence in Retail, Sustainability and Community Awards. The award program has been incredibly valuable to help Zanthorrea grow as part of the community, and we encourage other local businesses to get involved in the KCC Awards. Congratulations to all the finalists and category winners on their success! What a great night!



Photo of Alec from 1996 at Christmas time with the hanging basket winner.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Zanthorrea

We wish you a joy filled and safe festive season! Full of plenty of time in the garden, and sharing meals with friends and family. Zanthorrea will be closed on the following days:

Closed Christmas Day 25th.

Closed Boxing Day 26th.

Opening 9am on Saturday 27th.



Treasure Hunts for the kids

If you are looking for something to do with the kids this January, bring them along to the garden centre for a treasure hunt in the display gardens. We also have a playground, chickens, fish pond and frog pond for the kids to enjoy. For additional activities, you can go wildlife spotting and are sure to find a Quenda or two hopping about. :)



Rachel and Mike's Garden



Rachel and Mike kindly showed me around their garden in Kalamunda, and I was very impressed. They downsized to the smaller property 5 years ago, that was made up of lawn, roses and Ornamental Pear trees. In the first few months they only recorded a couple of birds visiting the garden, a bronzewing pigeon and a magpie-lark.

species of local *Calothamnus* they are growing which if you grow all four will produce nectar-rich flowers all year for the birds: *Calothamnus hirsutus*, *rupestris* *quadrifidus*, and *sanguineus*. They have 9 different species of local *Thomasia*, growing happily in the shady spots. Also a couple of large *Acacia saligna*, which we have been told attract: *"At least 5 species of butterfly breed in it and it supports at least 40 species of bugs, 55 species of beetle and 30 species of moth and insectivorous birds"*. Additions for the the seed eating birds include *Hakea petiolaris*, *Hakea lissocarpa*, and many different *grevilleas* species.



Their whole purpose for the garden transformation was to attract more birdlife. So they ripped up the lawn and removed the roses and ornamental pear trees, and looked to build a habitat garden with predominantly local or WA species.

To attract more birdlife, you need to provide:

- Dense and prickly shrubs for protection.
- Food in the form of nectar, seeds & nuts, and insects.
- Sources of water in multiple locations.

A handy tip I noticed was they hooked up their birdbaths to fill from the reticulation on some of their pots, so the water stays topped up automatically.

They mentioned to me the 4



Rachel also has a large collection of plants thriving in the Wick and Grow pots, now totalling over 70 pots on wheels. The native plants are growing happily in the *Zanthorrea* potting mix, with access to water through the



wicking system and reserve compartment. Rachel makes the comment: "you don't need a large garden to create habitat and attract in birds, even 3 Wick and Grow pots on a balcony, planted out with natives will attract in wildlife". The other advantage of these pots on the caster wheels is you can move them to different aspects as the plant needs. Or to move them out of the way if there is a fire or storm. A very clever system.



Lastly Rachel showed me the stunning Blue Lace Flower, *Trachymene coerulea*, and highlighted the value of growing these annuals for attracting in insects to the garden, which in turn are food for birds. These along with the straw flower are best grown from seed.

Now the garden is transformed, they have recorded 44 different species of birds that have visited. As you can imagine, the wide diversity is key to this thriving garden. Their plan going forward is to add in more local species, further increasing diversity, and be able to see flowers and birds out of every window in the house. Thanks so much Rachel and Mike for sharing your garden journey.

- Ross

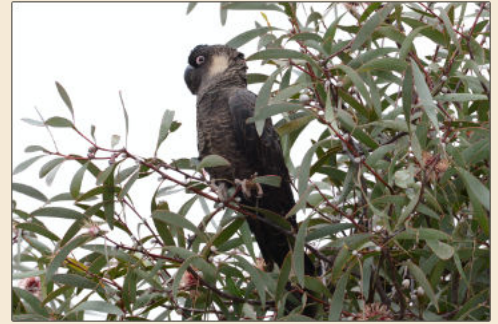




Creating a Habitat Garden



- Look for plants that provide different food sources:
 - Seeds from gum trees and hakeas.
 - Nectar from grevilleas and bottlebrushes.
 - Insect attracting with baeckea, darwinia & annuals.
 - Berries from austromyrtus & lilly pillies.



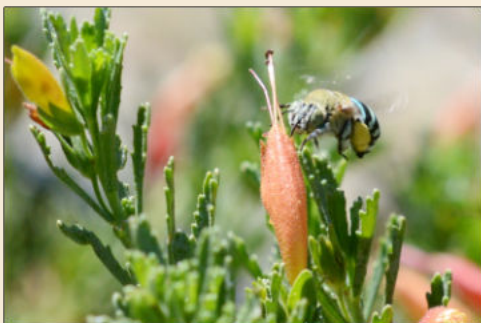
It is a wonderful feeling to build a garden full of plants that local wildlife can enjoy. Here are some tips to help you attract a diverse range of animals.

- Choose low toxic alternatives in pest and weed control.



Before you know it, you will have a garden teeming with life. The next step is to encourage your neighbours to do the same for a habitat friendly suburb.

- Add in water sources at different heights, some low on the ground for mammals and some high for the larger bird species.
- Don't be too tidy, and allow some leaf litter on the ground. Leaf litter is very useful for fungi and small insects, which adds a food source for small animals.



Feature Plant: Pincushion Hakea

This tough WA native is a true showstopper for large or small gardens. In the warmer months it can provide a shady place to sit and watch the birds and in autumn to winter it brings a burst of colour and character with its spectacular, globular, pink and cream flowers that attract birds and other pollinators in their masses. With its soft, slender foliage and graceful form, this hardy large shrub, or small tree, thrives in full sun and well-drained soil, handling dry conditions once

established. Perfect as a feature plant, screen, or addition to native gardens. Hakea laurina adds beauty and structure to your garden while also providing food and habitat for the wildlife in your area. **4m H x 2m W**



Featured Product: Mineral Magic

Mineral Magic Garden Conditioner is helping gardeners get more from every drop this summer. A certified organic soil amendment, Mineral Magic supports the whole garden including our wonderful native plants. It is a permanent amendment requiring only one application. Made from a type of natural silica, it works deep in the root zone to build stronger, more resilient plants while reducing the need for frequent watering. Its microscopic structure holds water like a sponge and releases it slowly as plants need it, improving water efficiency through the hottest months. Mineral Magic also enhances nutrient retention and supplies plant-available silicon for greater tolerance to heat, pests, and disease. *"Visit Zanthorrea for your free sample, while stocks last!"*



Gifts for the Festive Season



Little & Found Earrings

Created by our own horticulturist and artist, Brianna, Little & Found earrings celebrate the tiny treasures of the Australian bush. She hand picks, presses and dries native flowers from her garden, then preserves them in resin to create one of a kind pieces. Each pair captures the delicate colours and shapes of our local blooms. All hooks and posts are stainless steel. A thoughtful gift for nature lovers. Prices from \$14.95 to \$39.95.



2026 Studio Nikulinsky Calendar

Plan the year ahead with the 2026 Studio Nikulinsky Calendar, featuring twelve exquisite artworks by renowned Western Australian artist Philippa Nikulinsky AM. Known for her detailed studies of our arid landscapes, Philippa's work

brings the beauty of local flora and fauna to life. The calendar is locally printed on thick, high-quality paper and includes spacious monthly grids and notes on the six Noongar seasons. Finished with a top binding and hanging hook. \$36.95.



Chicken Collection

Our shelves are filled with cheerful chicken-themed gifts, from decorative chooks to plates, bowls, travel cases and salt and pepper shakers. These playful pieces bring a light, friendly touch to the kitchen and make easy, fun gifts. Prices from \$9.95 to \$49.95.



Tina Bryce Tea Towels

Brighten your kitchen with tea towels by Perth Hills artist Tina Bryce. Her mixed media artworks are full of colour, texture and the joyful energy she draws from the

natural world. Choose from Sunrise on Gum Leaves, Geraldton Wax or Kangaroo Paws, each one printed in Australia on certified organic cotton. A lovely way to bring a touch of local art into everyday life, or to gift to someone who loves WA botanicals. \$32 each.



Koorringal Hat Collection

Stay sun smart in style with our new range of Koorringal hats for men, women and children. Designed in Australia for long days outdoors, these hats are made for comfort, durability and reliable sun protection. The collection includes classic shapes, relaxed summer styles and colourful kids designs that are perfect for beach trips, bushwalks or everyday wear. With a wide variety of fits and fabrics, there is a hat for every adventure. Prices start at \$29.95.



Zanthorrea Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers make a wonderful gift for the native plant enthusiast, and they are now available to order online through our website.



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