

# CENTRAL WHEATBELT VISITOR CENTRE

# MERREDIN WILDFLOWER GUIDE 2022







### Merredin Peak - Bush & Rock Walks

Look hard in the dry shaded areas and you will find a number of winter orchids such as Donkey, Spiders, Ant, Blue Fairy and Pink Candy still appearing. Sprinkling of everlasting are finally showing with some much needed sunshine over the last 5 days. The bright yellow flowers of the Wattles and you will smell the Vanilla Bush before you see them

### Tamma Parkland

Sundews, everlastings and a variety of Spider orchids have been spotted amongst the mallees and Tamma pines.

### **Totadgin Conservation Park**

A variety of winter orchids such as Donkey, Spiders, Ant, Blue Fairy and Pink Candy and everlasting coming out in patches.

### **Seasonal Wildflower Trail - Surrounding areas**

We recommend to follow the self-guided **Seasonal Wildflower Trail** featured on page 8 of our Rediscover Merredin Brochure. Key sites are the corner Merredin Chandler-Talgomine Reserve Roads, Talgomine Reserve and Eaglestone Rock. Call into Mangowine Homestead on your return.

### **Roadsides and Bushland**

Surrounding areas are coming into their own this week with the carpets of everlasting appearing suddenly after some sunny days following what has been very grey wet winter weather. Many roadside trees, shrubs and perennial plants have begun to flower so keep an eye out for these as you drive.

# Season length

Looking likely will begin peaking around two weeks' time and with more sunshine to encourage flower opening the everlastings carpets will be pretty special this season. With the amount of ground moisture we

have experienced over the winter months, flowering will continue for at least another month without further rain if conditions remain cool and dry. An extended season is a possibility with the slow start to the season and may even continue into October.

## Season finish

Once we get a change of weather that usually develops with spring bringing warmer day temps over 30 degrees for consecutive days followed by warm easterly winds will spell the end of the season.

## **Rediscover Merredin Brochure**

Pick up a copy at the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre Website - Current Wildflower Season reports will be updated weekly as the season progresses.