





EASTERN WHEATBELT WILDFLOWER HOTSPOTS





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CENTRAL WHEATBELT

MERREDIN: Merredin Peak Green Veined Shell Orchids, sugar and spider Orchids are out along the Bush walk. Totadgin Conservation Park, 14km south on the Bruce Rock Road has a variety of flowering shrubs, trees, and perennials such as Acacia, Grevilla, Damperia, Gastrelobian. Tamma Parkland explore the walk trial around the park to discover the local flora and fauna. Collgar Scenic Drive follow the 70km drive taking in Bulls Head Road close to the windfarm for a feast of trees, shrubs and perennials in flower now along the roadsides. Continue onto Scott Road (Merredin's Flora Road) Collect a Collgar Scenic Drive guide from the Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre at 45 Barrack Street, open Weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm or www.wheatbelttourism.com/wildflowers/current-wildflower-season

KELLERBERRIN: Kellerberrin Hill offers great views over the town and lovely wildflower spot in season. Follow the flowers along the **Trayning / Bencubbin Road to Durokoppin** Reserve. This 1500 acre reserve of woodland, heath and mallee supports a wide variety of flora and fauna. A colorful array of species, tea trees, acacia and grevillea and many more.

TAMMIN: Charles Gardner Reserve, an area of 600 hectares of natural vegetation 14kms south of Tammin. It contains a wide variety of wildflowers and understory. **Yorkrakine Rock** situated 26kms north of Tammin is a solid granite outcrop. An area of native flora surrounds the outcrops which is one of the largest in WA.

CUNDERDIN: Cunderdin Hill offers great views over town, a great spot for a variety of flora in season. **Bulgin Rock Reserve** 18kms west of town is a great spot for a picnic and wildflower exploring.

WESTONIA: Follow the **Woodlands & Wildflowers Heritage Walk** around Westonia to see number of flora species. Explore **Sandford Rocks** (on Boodarockin Rd) 14km north of town a popular wildflower and birdwatching area with a bird hide. **Bodallin Soak** on Stoneman Road, 6kms west for town for trees & shrubs in flower.

SOUTHERN CROSS: Visit the Shire of Yilgarn administration office to grab a copy of the Yilgarn wild-flower brochure and follow their wildflower drive. The Great Eastern Highway between Southern Cross and Coolgardie has a number of reserves to explore.

TOURS

Njaki Njaki Aboriginal Cultural Tours at Merredin Peak, Mick Hayden \$70 T: 0407 984 470 Collgar Scenic Drive Tour - Sunday 21 September

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WHEATBELT WAY

DOWERIN: At **Tin Dog Creek Reserve** there's an array of birdlife and flora. When travelling to Wyalkatchem, **Namelcatchem Reserve** on 3 corners of Minnivale—Cunderdin intersection is a great spot to explore, before heading to Historic **Minnivale townsite** to spot the black and green toothbrush Grevillea.

WYALKATCHEM: Some great flowering reserves, including **Walk-A-Wyal Trail**, **Wyalkatchem Reserve** and **Korrelocking Reserve**. A variety of colourful flora at this time of year, look out for local fauna including Echidnas, Dunnarts, Blue Breasted & Red-Capped Robins.

TRAYNING: At **Billyacatting Reserve** explore the two marked walk trails with many trees, shrubs and perennials in flower and wildlife interpreted on the trails. Explore the extensive Trayning Gnamma Holes located north of Trayning on Bencubbin Road.

NUNGARIN: Explore **Eaglestone Rock, Talgomine Reserve and Danberrin Hill** botanical walks and smell the fragrant Vanilla Bush (Grevillea sp.) and Kunzea pulchella splashing vivid colours of red. Visit the National Trust heritage listed **Mangowine Homestead** 14kms north of town.

MUKINBUDIN TO BONNIE ROCK: See Acacia, Senna, Hakea, Quandongs and purple Dampiera. On and around the rocks at Wattoning, Beringbooding and Weira Reserve purple Calytrix, yellow Hibbertia and red flowering Kunzea. At Beringbooding Rock 72km north east of Mukinbudin there are pink tea tree, Acacia's, Grevillea's Hakea's, Calothamnus, Eromophila, Cassia, Quandongs, Sandalwood and Quandong.

WESTONIA TO ELACHBUTTING ROCK: A prominent landmark with a colourful 'wave formation', a 30m tunnel called Monty's Pass and 'Kings Cave'. Explore Chiddarcooping Nature reserve and Yanneymooning Hill on route for a wealth of flora at this time of year.

BENCUBBIN: Wattles (Acacia) bursting out in brilliant yellow blooms, red Grevillea and a native fox-glove (Pityrodias) on the **Mukinbudin-Bencubbin Road.** At **Marshall Rock** the walk trails offer spectacular views.

BEACON & BILLIBURNING: Enjoy at any time of the year both **Datjoin Rock and Billiburning Rock** are flora rich areas. The roadsides around Beacon are starting to look beautiful with pink Hakeas and Grevilleas making a show amongst the yellows of the various Acacia species. Gorgeous blue Dampiera, Quandongs and Sandalwood fruiting in October, and some Mallee eucalypts flowering.

KOORDA: Colorful tall dark mauve Verticordia sp. on roadsides close to Koorda. Call into the Koorda Community Resource Centre (Mon-Fri) for locations and view the wildflower interpretation display. Explore **Mollerin Rock, Newcarlbeon Rocks & Koorda Native Flora Reserve** enjoy a picnic or camp out amongst Wheatbelt bushland by day and illuminated stars by night.

TOURS

Beacon Wildflower Tour: Monday 25 August & Monday 8 September 9am –3pm \$60 http://trybooking.com/DDOWG

Mukinbudin Wildflower & Brewery Tour: Friday 22 August, 1pm \$60 www.trybooking.com/DEEEC

PATHWAYS TO WAVE ROCK

QUAIRADING: Nookaminnie Rock in the Quairading Nature Reserve 1kms west is also a lovely spot in wildflower season with walking trails.

KWOLYIN: At **Kwolyin Reserve** take the walk trails around the old townsite and **Coarin Rock** where you can find flowering perennials, shrubs and Sandalwood. **Kokerbin Rock is** 9km north of Kwolyin campsite and well worth the climb to the top during wildflower season.

BRUCE ROCK: At **Bruce's Rock** the reserve has two stone lined wells from the early settlement. **Jura Wildflower Drive** starts at **Quarry Road**, 2km north of town is a colorful drive trail in season.

NAREMBEEN: Hidden Hollow, Twine Reserve, Roe Dam and Anderson Rock Reserve are the ideal spot to find wildflowers in bloom. Check out the new **Wadderin Information Centre and Walk Trail** to the north of town, follow the Mallee Fowl or Woylie walk trails for a gentle walk through the eucalypt woodlands and mallee shrublands.

CORRIGIN: Corrigin Rock in town and the Corrigin Wildflower Drive 5km west of town opposite the Corrigin Dog Cemetery. Expect to see the strongly scented white custard powder Grevilleas, spiky yellow Dryanda purdieana, climbing white and yellow Drosera Sun-dews, massed yellow stars on Phebalium filiferum shrubs in bloom, Blue Leschenaultia, Calytrix leshenaultii, Corrigin grevillea, Horn Trigger Plant, Honey Myrtle.

KONDININ: Yeerakine Rock (Sloan Road 12km from Kondinin) and Bendering and North Karlgarin Reserves are starting to flower with Acacia, Hakeas, Grevilleas and Phebalium.

HYDEN/WAVE ROCK: Follow the walk trails around **Wave Rock** where the bush is starting to bloom. The Hippo's Yawn loop takes you through bushland where you will see Acacia, Hakea, Grevillea, Callistemon and other numerous flora species.

KULIN: Hopkins Nature Reserve is an important flora conservation area. North Jitarning Nature Reserve is perfect to walk through and experience many different vegetation areas. The Macrocarpa Walk Trail located 1km west of Kulin is a good spot for seasonal wildflowers.

LAKE GRACE: Known for its western mallee, noted biologically for its diverse range of flora and high number of indigenous plant groups, including Grevillea, Hakea, Eucalypts and Acacia. Within the reserves and roadsides you will find many other beautiful flowering shrubs and trees. **Jam Patch** a popular free campsite 19km north of Lake Grace there are sugar, donkey and spider Orchids currently in bloom. **Tarin Rock Reserve is a flora hotspot** with pretty pink Clianthus and Grevillea excelsior along roadside.

TOURS - **Wadderdin Wildlife Sanctuary Narembeen,** Saturday Night Tours, 1.5 hrs, book online through Trybooking

