

## Wildflowers tour of Western Australia

### Reading List

#### **Guide to the Wildflowers of Western Australia 3/e: Over 1150 Plant Species illustrated**

by Simon Nevill

Western Australia boasts over 13,000 plant species and it can be quite overwhelming to the flower-seeking visitor to the state. This book helps the reader identify wildflowers visually, also placing them in areas where there is a higher probability of seeing them. Maps help the traveller find the best locations for wildflowers and accompanying text discusses the best time to visit. The book illustrates over 1150 species, so there should be ample opportunity to help find both the common and some of the not-so-common flowers.

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#### **Common Wildflowers of Western Australia**

by Simon Nevill

In Western Australia, one of the richest flora regions of the world, botanists to date have identified over 10,000 vascular plants. It is understandable that a visitor to this huge state would find the quantity and variation of wildflowers simply overwhelming. This small publication attempts to illustrate some of the more easily identifiable common and not so common wildflowers (215 species are illustrated). Please note that this is a re-issue, and stock should be available in July 2018.

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#### **The Way it Was: A History of the Early Days of the Margaret River Wine Industry**

by Peter Forrestal, Ray Jordan

The Margaret River region of Australia's south-west is internationally renowned for its award-winning wines. There are now more than 200 wineries, predominantly boutique style, in the region, producing more than 20% of Australia's premium wine market.

*The Way It Was* tells the story of the early days of the region's wine industry, from the first plantings by Dr Tom Cullity in 1967 through an informative text and many illustrations.

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## **Invisible Country: Southwest Australia: Understanding a Landscape**

by Bill Bunbury

When Europeans first settled in Australia, the land withheld many of its secrets from these new arrivals. There were broad rivers, wide plains, and tall forests, all of which to European eyes suggested promising sites for settlement. However, to many of the new settlers, the 'First Australians' (the Aboriginal people) were a puzzle. They moved freely through the country they knew intimately. What few settlers realized then was that the Aboriginal people and the land they lived in were indistinguishable. Invisible Country describes the environmental changes that have occurred in southwestern Australia since European settlement, through four case studies of the development of local rivers, forests, and coastal plains. These stories - compiled through extensive conversations with farmers, ecologists, traditional owners, and others who rely on the land - are book-ended by an examination of the historical perspective in which these changes have occurred. It is a reminder that the land owns the people, not the other way around, and this is the beginning of a conversation about understanding and caring for the land that all Australians are fortunate to live in. \*\*\* Librarians: ebook available [Subject: Australian Studies, Environmental Studies, History

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## **Plant life on the Sandplains in Southwest Australia: A Global Biodiversity Hotspot**

by Hans Lambers

Southwest Australia is a region increasingly recognised for its high levels of biodiversity and endemism, and is recognized as one of the world's top 25 'biodiversity hotspots' based largely on its highly diverse and endemic flora. Plant Life on the Sandplains in Southwest Australia has been assembled with current research and understanding about the southwestern Australian flora, the greatest richness of which is on the sandplain, especially on the most nutrient-impoverished soils. To be able to conserve threatened species, the animals that depend upon them, and the habitats they live in, we need to understand their functioning in the past and present, to protect them for the future.

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