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## New Bush Cards Inspire Kids to Become Environmental Detectives

By Cathy Levett, EMRC

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC), in partnership with the Cities of Belmont, Bayswater, Kalamunda and Swan, Town of Bassendean and Shire of Mundaring and supported by Lotterywest, has been working for more than two years to develop bush knowledge and skills in youth through the Bush Skills 4 Youth program. As part of the program, the EMRC developed Bush Cards 4 Youth, an innovative new tool to engage kids with their natural environment.

The EMRC's CEO Mr Peter Schneider said, "The Bush Skills 4 Youth program was one of a number of innovative projects the EMRC is progressing that take a new approach to environmental management. The Bush Skills 4 Youth program was launched in 2015 to provide young people with opportunities to develop an awareness and appreciation of their local natural environment, develop skills to preserve their natural bushland and to become



Darlington Cubs try out the Bush Cards 4 Youth earlier this month.

Photo: Cathy Levett

environmental stewards in the future. The Bush Cards 4 Youth is a new resource for these kids to use to develop a sense of independence and self-achievement being able to assess and identify native plants around them."

Throughout the year, a series of free workshops has been and continues to be conducted in bush areas throughout Perth's Eastern Region with schools, youth groups and the community. The workshops cover a range of topics from exploring bush areas and assessing the health of waterways to encounters with native animals and learning about aboriginal culture. "Our new workshop, Tree ID, has been developed to teach kids basic plant identification skills. We needed a fun and engaging way to provide botanical information about common native species that kids can take into the field and use to interpret tree types themselves," Mr Schneider said.

The Bush Cards 4 Youth resource was developed in consultation with key experts. Special thanks goes to Cliff Burns and the Western Australian Herbarium for access to their image collections and photography, to the Djidi Djidi Aboriginal Women's Group for sharing Noongar information and extending our knowledge and to all those who contributed to the project.

The cards contain 20 common Western Australian native species, six common weeds and information on Noongar seasons and how these relate to the changing environment. With rulers provided on some cards and information about the colours, types of flowers, height and other identifiers, children are able to assess and distinguish different plants. The cards are designed to be used by 8-16 year olds as part of the Bush Skills 4 Youth program. For more information visit [www.bushskills4youth.com.au](http://www.bushskills4youth.com.au).

## Focus on: F R Berry Reserve

By Mark Anthes and Brad Thompson, City of Swan



*Caladenia aperta*  
in F R Berry Reserve  
Photo: Mark Anthes

F R Berry Reserve is the largest bushland reserve within the City of Swan, and one of the City's most pristine sites. The reserve comprises of 529 Acres which was ceded to the then Shire of Swan in 1963 as part of the subdivision of surrounding land by the Mt Lawley Pty Ltd company. The reserve was named after the former manager of the company, Mr F R Berry and listed under the reserve category 'Public Recreation'.

F R Berry Reserve contains several different vegetation types, from granite outcrop sites, Jarrah, Marri and Wandoo woodlands to Melaleuca creek species alongside the Wooroloo Brook. While F R Berry Reserve has very little weed infestation, Watsonia has been and continues to be an issue along the creekline section of the reserve. Over the 13 years the City of Swan Bush Regeneration Team has worked on the site, the original Watsonia infestation has been reduced from over 1.3km long and in some areas over 20m wide, to small pockets of weeds. Natural regeneration has been allowed to take over and with careful ongoing weed control, this will be reduced further.



Waterfall at the rear of F R Berry Reserve, Gidgegannup

Photo: Mark Anthes

F R Berry Reserve contains many plants that are classified as 'Rare' and 'Priority Species,' as well as unique fauna species including the Honey Possum, Gould's Monitor, Splendid Fairy Wren and Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. The site is also important as a recreation area as well as a nature reserve.

During warmer weather, visitors often swim in the waterfall section of the creek and hike the

various tracks of the reserve. A scenic and biodiverse bushland area, F R Berry Reserve is definitely worthy of a weekend bushwalk in Springtime!

## Friends of Piesse Brook are Calling for New Members

By Nicole Arielli, EMRC



Piesse Brook

Photo: Nicole Arielli, EMRC

Do you love to get outdoors and do your part for local bushland? Friends of Piesse Brook are a group of enthusiastic and passionate individuals who, for almost two decades, have contributed significant hours to restoration work along Piesse Brook. The Brook runs downstream of Pickering Brook and Bickley Valley and meanders through the Schipp Rd Reserve and Kalamunda National Park. The group has diligently rehabilitated the area adding significant biodiversity and amenity values with 480 plant species now recorded in the bushland area. President of Friends of Piesse Brook, Bridget Hogarth, says the area is now stunning. "There is such a great diversity of birdlife and wildflowers to be found here," she said.

As with many groups, ongoing support from the community is necessary to keep the momentum going. The group meets on the third Sunday of every month from April to November at the National Park gate on Schipp Rd at 9:45am and work until 12:00noon. It is family friendly and provides a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and learn more about the local ecosystem. No experience is necessary; you will learn as you go. You can just turn up or register your interest through the contact details below. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, boots and a friendly smile.

For more information and to register your interest, please contact the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council on (08) 9424 2264 or email [mail@emrc.org.au](mailto:mail@emrc.org.au).



Piesse Brook

Photo: Nicole Arielli, EMRC

## Glen Forrest Primary School's Woodland Restoration Project, Connect, Protect and Play

By Kathy Wood, Nature & Wildlife @ GFPS



Glen Forrest Superblock  
Photo and article: Kathy Wood,  
Nature & Wildlife @ GFPS



Trailer Containing 400 Seedlings Ready for Planting  
Photo: Kathy Wood, Nature & Wildlife @ GFPS

Five groups of children from pre-primary to year six planted 400 plants per session over three days. There were 10 zones identified based on slope, soil and aspect. 80 'islands' per zone were prepared, with five companionable plants per island. 23 species had been grown from provenance seed especially for this site; that is locally collected seed of plants occurring naturally in the area. 30 complementary seed species were also sown.

Other achievements during this project included students learning about Aboriginal heritage and bird education, installation of seven nestboxes for mammals and various birds, explanatory signage, weed control, management of two weeds of national significance (blackberry and bridal creeper), improvements to soil health and dieback protection.

The aim of the project was to create a natural environment with multiple canopy layers. The WA State Natural Resource Management Program provided a grant which made this project possible. Many people helped and contributed; with thanks to the wonderful teachers, parents, staff, community members and the Shire of Mundaring. This project undertaken by the school community will continue to contribute to this special place into the future.



Glen Forrest Primary School Students Planting on the Superblock Adjacent to the Primary School  
Photo: Kathy Wood, Nature & Wildlife @ GFPS

## Apology By EMRC

The EMRC would like to advise readers of an error printed in the last issue of Greenpage. Penny Hussey's award was published as Order of Australia Medal (OAM). The correct award was the honour of Member of the Order of Australia (AM). The EMRC would like to apologise for the error and congratulate Penny on being recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours.



Penny Hussey AM  
Photo: Courtesy of the EMRC



Southern Boobook  
Photo: Simon Cherriman

## Rat Poison Found in Perth Hills Boobooks

written by Michael Lohr from Edith Cowan University  
for the EMRC's Healthy Wildlife Project

An ongoing study by Michael Lohr, a PhD student at Edith Cowan University (ECU), has found a concerning link between commonly used rat and mouse poisons and the deaths of Boobook owls in Perth Hills and the Perth metropolitan area. So far, 55 Southern Boobooks (*Ninox novaeelandiae*) found dead have been tested for exposure to eight different anticoagulant rodenticides which are used in Australia. These poisons work as blood thinners. They accumulate in the liver shortly after they enter the body and some can stay there for months. If Boobooks eat multiple mice poisoned with anticoagulant rodenticides, over time, the poison can accumulate to high enough levels to be fatal.



Southern Boobook  
Photo: Paula Strickland

Preliminary results of the study show that in the Perth Metro area and residential areas of the Perth Hills, almost 90% of Boobooks had some amount of rodenticide exposure. A few individuals tested positive for as many as five different rodenticides. About 17% of all Boobooks from these areas had high enough levels of rodenticide to potentially kill them. Almost all of the rodenticides detected were the longer-lasting second generation anticoagulant rodenticides. Only two Boobooks showed exposure to a first generation anticoagulant rodenticide. In both Boobooks, the amount detected was so low it would not be likely to cause any harm.

Most of the rodenticides detected in Boobooks are available to the public at supermarkets and hardware

stores and are commonly used to control rodents around the home. However, a small number of Boobooks were exposed to rodenticides which are used mostly by pest control services in commercial or industrial buildings. Interestingly, none of the Boobooks from large patches of bushland or agricultural areas had any detectable rodenticide exposure. The research is still ongoing but it is already clear that the widespread use of rat and mouse poison around homes is having an impact on some of our native wildlife.

Testing is about to begin on an additional batch of Boobook liver samples. Some of these samples will fill in gaps in areas where no Boobooks have been tested. Some are also from agricultural areas and will help determine whether rodenticide poisoning is as much of a problem outside of residential areas. In the future, testing of additional species, especially ones that are already rare or endangered will help in understanding whether these rodenticides are a threat to the recovery of these species. Testing species of animals which the owls feed on will also help explain exactly how the rodenticides move up the food chain and create a clearer picture of which other species could be affected.

## Tips to Reduce Wildlife Rat Poison Risk

written by Michael Lohr from Edith Cowan University  
for the EMRC Healthy Wildlife Project



Fluffy Southern Boobook Owl  
Chicks in Hollow  
Photo: Simon Cherriman

Anticoagulant rodenticides are mouse and rat poisons which work as blood thinners. Some of the newer “second generation” anticoagulant rodenticides take a long time to break down and can end up poisoning pets and wildlife which eat poisoned rodents. Worldwide, owls, eagles, hawks, foxes and even bobcats and mountain lions have been killed by rodenticides which have accumulated in their prey. An ongoing study at ECU has detected widespread and sometimes fatal rodenticide exposure in Southern Boobooks in WA including some parts of the Perth Hills. More research is needed to understand what other species might be affected here in the Perth Hills but, in the meantime, there are a number of things you can do at home to help reduce the risk to wildlife.

### Other Alternatives

One of the most effective ways of getting rid of unwanted rat and mice around your house is simply cleaning up a bit. Removing rubbish from your yard, keeping pet food indoors, picking up fallen fruits beneath your fruit trees, and using chicken feeders which prevent spillage removes potential rat and mouse food from the environment around your house. These easy first steps can make a huge difference in the number of introduced rodents around your property.



Southern Boobook Owl - death due to internal  
bleeding after eating poisoned rodents  
Photo: Michael Lohr

Cleaning up brush piles and sealing holes in your walls and roof reduces the amount of rodent habitat and helps keep them out of your home. Replacing palms with native trees can be a big help too. It not only removes one of the favourite hideouts for black rats (*Rattus rattus*), but also provides better habitat for the native predators like owls and hawks which help control rodents. If rodents are still a problem, old-fashioned snap traps baited with peanut butter are also very effective if placed along edges of walls and corners where rodents usually travel.

### Read the Label to Save Lives

If you do decide to use rodenticides, it is important to know which ones you are using. Warfarin and coumatetralyl are “first generation” anticoagulant rodenticides which break down much faster and are less likely to cause poisoning in native wildlife like hawks and owls which eat poisoned rats. Avoid products containing brodifacoum, bromadiolone and difethialone, which are long-lasting second generation products and are much more likely to unintentionally poison wildlife as they move up the food chain. Most rat and mouse poison packaging doesn't make it obvious which rodenticides are used in the product. The actual rodenticide contained in the baits will be listed after



Southern Boobook in Hollow  
Photo: Simon Cherriman

the words “Active Constituent.” If you do choose to use rodenticide, be sure to follow the directions on the label to help reduce the risk of unintentionally poisoning wildlife.



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Biodiversity, Conservation and  
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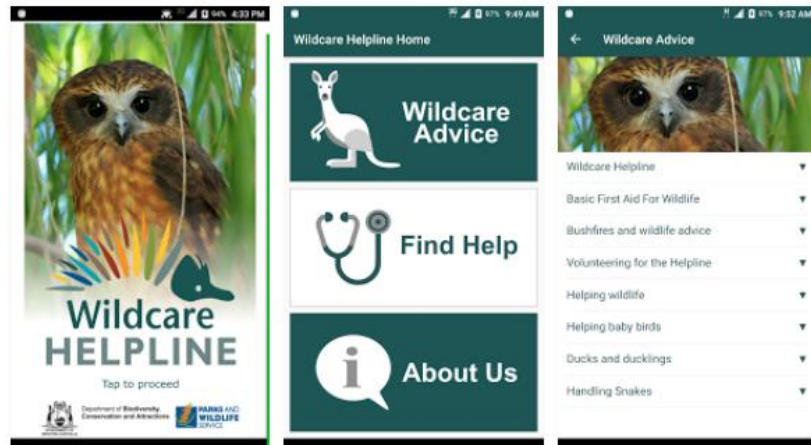
## Wildcare Helpline

By Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has developed a smart phone app. The Wildcare Helpline app provides a service for the public who find sick or injured native wildlife in Western Australia and are seeking advice on what to do and where to find care for the animal.

The app is designed as an additional resource for the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Wildcare Helpline, a telephone referral service operated by volunteers based at our Kensington headquarters. Within the app, you will find information about what to do if you find native animals including birds, snakes and mammals. You will also find links and phone numbers to assist with stranded whales and dolphins, dealing with cane toads and becoming a volunteer.

Using the 'Find Help' section, the app will be able to put you in touch with a list of the nearest wildcare helpers the Department works with, wherever you are in Western Australia, and find nearby vets using your device's map program. The Wildcare Helpline program is designed to offer advice on sick or injured native wildlife and refer callers to a wider network of experts for assistance. The Helpline CANNOT attend rescues or assist with non-native or domestic animals.



Wildcare Helpline App

Image: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

## Workshops



## Fire and Biodiversity

**Where:** West Swan Hall, 1 West Swan Road, Henley Book.

**When:** Sunday, 5 November 2017, 9:00am – 12:30pm.



Are you concerned with fire safety while still wanting to keep the natural vegetation on your property? This workshop provides information on appropriate species of native plants to use within your Bushfire Protection Zone. This includes the ecological effects of fire in regards to native plants in nature. The setback required of vegetation for safety and other environmental considerations. To register email [environment@emrc.org.au](mailto:environment@emrc.org.au) or phone (08) 9424 2216.



## Meeting dates

### **Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group Inc.**

***Thursday, 9 November 2017, 6:30pm***

Old Midland Courthouse, Helena St, Midland  
Contact Karen Warner on (08) 9424 2242 or email  
[karen.warner@emrc.org.au](mailto:karen.warner@emrc.org.au)

### **Helena River Catchment Group Inc.**

***Monday, 16 October 2017, 7:00pm***

Octagonal Hall, 52 McGlew Road, Glen Forrest  
Contact Jaya Vaughan on (08) 9424 2245 or email  
[jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au](mailto:jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au)

### **Friends of Piesse Brook**

***Wednesday, 18 October 2017, 7:00pm***

Contact Miroslav Vujaklija on (08) 9424 2264 or email  
[miroslav.vujaklija@emrc.org.au](mailto:miroslav.vujaklija@emrc.org.au)

### **Lower Helena Association Incorporated**

***Tuesday, 21 November 2017, 6:30pm***

Contact Rebecca Ludemann on 0400 327 466 or via email  
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Miroslav Vujaklija on (08) 9424 2264 or email  
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### **Jane Brook Catchment Group**

***Thursday, 26 October 2017, 7:00pm***

Mundaring Sharing Centre, 3 Craigie Place, Mundaring  
Contact Jaya Vaughan on (08) 9424 2245 or email  
[jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au](mailto:jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au)

### **Susannah Brook Catchment Group Inc.**

***Thursday, 26 October 2017, 7:00pm***

Mundaring Sharing Centre, 3 Craigie Place Mundaring  
Contact Nicole Arielli on (08) 9424 2262 or email  
[nicole.arielli@emrc.org.au](mailto:nicole.arielli@emrc.org.au)

## **WA Naturalists' Club - Darling Range Branch**

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month in Jorgensen Park Pavilion, Crescent Road, off Mundaring Road, Kalamunda

**Next Meetings: Friday, 13 October 2017, then Friday, 10 November 2017**

For further details please contact Darling Range Branch Nats on 0436 448 647 or email [DRB@wanaturalists.org.au](mailto:DRB@wanaturalists.org.au)



### **Field Walk and Talk Around the Helena River Restoration Sites** Sunday, 1 October 2017, 10:00am – 12:00noon

Enjoy an informative walk with local botanical expert Penny Hussey AM, enjoying the spring flowers and learning about the revegetation trials and triumphs, followed by light refreshments and a discussion of the fish and management of the Helena River.

**What to bring:** Water, sturdy walking shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather.

**Where to meet:** Meet at the Park outside the Helena Valley Primary School (3700 Helena Valley Road, Helena Valley) and we can carpool to the walk trail.

**To RSVP or for more information:** please contact [secretary.helenarivercrg@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.helenarivercrg@gmail.com)  
or phone Penny Hussey on (08) 9299 7024





## WA Wildflower Society – Eastern Hills Branch

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[www.facebook.com/easternhillswildflowers](https://www.facebook.com/easternhillswildflowers)



### EASTERN HILLS BRANCH

**Monday, 9 October 2017** – 12:00noon – 3:00pm Octagon Hall, 52 McGlew Road Darlington, Propagation Group - learn to propagate your own native plants from seed. Contact Sandy at [sandyroger.stone@gmail.com](mailto:sandyroger.stone@gmail.com)

**Monday, 23 October 2017** – 12:00noon – 3:00pm Octagon Hall, 52 McGlew Road Darlington, Propagation Group - learn to propagate your own native plants from seed. Contact Sandy at [sandyroger.stone@gmail.com](mailto:sandyroger.stone@gmail.com)

**Friday, 27 October 2017** – 7:30pm Octagon Hall, 52 McGlew Road Darlington – Max Crowhurst is a specialist plant breeder at Kings Park. He will discuss tissue culture of Australian native plants for preservation and propagation purposes.

**Monday, 13 November 2017** – 12:00noon – 3:00pm Octagon Hall, 52 McGlew Road Darlington, Propagation Group - learn to propagate your own native plants from seed. Contact Sandy at [sandyroger.stone@gmail.com](mailto:sandyroger.stone@gmail.com)

**Friday, 24 November 2017** – 7:30pm Octagon Hall, 52 McGlew Road Darlington AGM with guest speaker Eddie Wajon who will talk about his work with roadside verge conservation.

**Monday, 27 November 2017** – 12:00noon – 3:00pm Octagon Hall, 52 McGlew Road Darlington, Propagation Group - learn to propagate your own native plants from seed. Contact Sandy at [sandyroger.stone@gmail.com](mailto:sandyroger.stone@gmail.com)



## WA Wildflower Society - Darling Range Branch

The Darling Range Branch meets at the Old Guide Hall, 5 Sanderson Road, Lesmurdie (Cnr Lesmurdie and Brady Rds) at 10:00am on the second Sunday of every month from February to November.

**Sunday, 8 October 2017** - Old Guide Hall, 5 Sanderson Road Lesmurdie - Basic propagation workshop 10:00am – 2:30pm  
\$20 includes morning tea and lunch. Limited numbers. Please book and indicate dietary requirements.

**Sunday, 22 October 2017** - Last bushwalk for the year. Location TBA.

**Sunday, 12 November 2017** – AGM - All invited to see our local collection of Kalamunda wildflowers at the Herbarium.

Wildflower Walks are held on the fourth Sunday of every month from April to October.

Contact Lynda Tomlinson at [wildflowers@ozemail.com.au](mailto:wildflowers@ozemail.com.au) or [ltk555@gmail.com](mailto:ltk555@gmail.com) or phone (08) 9291 8753 Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00am and 2:30pm. Members and non-members all welcome.

For further information, visit <http://www.wildflowersocietywa.org.au/>

## Position Vacant

## Jane Brook Catchment Group

Jane Brook Catchment Group Incorporated is a landcare volunteer organisation seeking a Vice President. Meetings are held bi-monthly in Mundaring from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Information on Jane Brook Catchment Group can be found on their facebook page "Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc."

Please contact Jaya Vaughan for more information at [jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au](mailto:jaya.vaughan@emrc.org.au) or phone (08) 9424 2245.

## Monthly Features

The information for this edition's Noongar Season and Plant of the Month is provided by the EMRC's Bush Cards 4 Youth, part of the Bush Skills 4 Youth program. The information for this edition's Weed of the Month comes from City of Kalamunda's Garden Escapees Know Your Weeds! The original information sourced from South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Kaartdijin Noongar - Noongar Language <https://www.noongarculture.org.au>, the Djidi Djidi Aboriginal Women's Group, Darlington and Surrounds Local Flora and Bushlands by Cliffs Burns, the Western Australian Herbarium and Amanda Spooner.

### Noongar Season – Kambarang

#### October / November – Warming, rains ending – The Wildflower Season



*Nuytsia floribunda*

Kambarang brings longer dry periods accompanying a definite warming trend. Families move back towards the coast where freshwater crayfish (gilgies), frogs, turtles and blue marron are caught. Awakening snakes and goannas are a good source of food during the season. Balgas flower prolifically if they've been burnt in the past year.

A wealth of colours and flowers surround us: the yellows and creams of the hakeas, delicate pinks and blues of orchids and the vivid red and green of the kangaroo paw. At this time, the dramatic display of the vibrant orange and yellow flowers of the Nuytsia (Christmas Tree) signals that heat is on the way.

### Weed of the Month

#### Veldt Daisy or Cape Daisy (*Dimorphotheca ecklonis*)

Veldt Daisy (or Cape Daisy) is native to South Africa and grows to 0.5m high. Leaves have a strong smell when crushed and seeds are spread by wind, water, dumped garden waste and the movement of soil. Hand pull or dig out small plants ensuring you remove all root material as it can resprout.



*Olearia paucidentata*  
Plant Me Instead!

### Plant of the Month

#### Mudja or Mooja or Christmas Tree (*Nuytsia floribunda*)

Named after Peter Nuyts who sailed around the south and west coasts in 1627.

Tree or shrub, growing to 10m high, with thick branches and rough, grey-brown bark. Leaves are dull green, linear with no leaf stalk. Yellow-orange flowers from October to January. It grows in sandy and gravelly soils, with granite, laterite or limestone, on sandplains, healthland, hill slopes and bases of rocky outcrops. In the Darling Range it is mainly found in rocky or damp places. Nuytsia is a root hemiparasite, a most unusual tree. It is the largest member of the mistletoe family but instead of attaching itself to branches, the roots attach themselves to roots of nearby plants to obtain nutrients.



Typical *Nuytsia floribunda* during the Kambarang season (Summer)

### Fauna of the Month

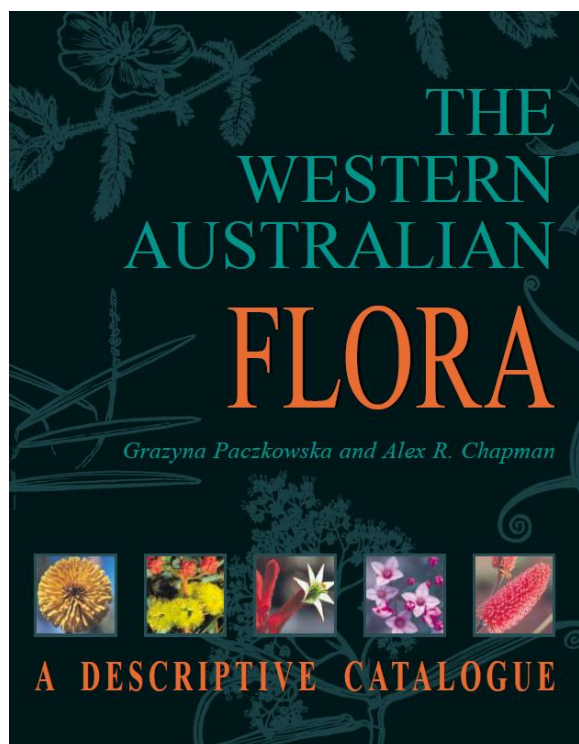
#### Western Quoll - Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*)

The chuditch is a territorial nocturnal marsupial which has mostly brown fur with distinctive white spots. It is found in patchy sections of south west Australia and are most abundant in areas of contiguous jarrah forest. It has large rounded ears, a pointed muzzle and a mostly black, bushy tail about three-quarters the length of its head and body. It grows to 26 - 40cm long, with a tail length of 21 - 35cm and weighs 0.9kg (female) and 1.3kg (male). The chuditch has been listed as "vulnerable" and is found in the hills of Perth.



Western Quoll / Chuditch  
Photo: courtesy of Australian Wildlife Conservancy

## Off the Shelf



## The Western Australian Flora Descriptive Catalogue

*Author: Grazyna Paczkowska and Alex R Chapman*

The Western Australian Flora book is written by Grazyna Paczkowska and Alex R Chapman with assistance from the Wildflower Society of Western Australia and the state's two major botanical institutions - The Western Australian Herbarium and the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority. This book can be found in the Katharine Susannah Pritchard library in the new Boya Community Centre. It contains 11,972 plants from throughout Western Australia. The plants are detailed by their habit, height, flowering time and colour, habitat and distribution. All plants are arranged alphabetically by family, genus and species. Unfortunately, this book lacks individual pictures of each plant to assist in identification, but this is understandable considering the book already consists of 652 pages. It is a good read for the passionate plant enthusiast.

Book review by David O'Brien, Supervisor Environment and Horticulture, Shire of Mundaring

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