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ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION GUIDE



Ceratopetalum gummiferum Christmas Bush

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Introduction

The bushland around the Community Environment Centre is a special place because of the diversity of plant species that can be found within its boundaries. A short traverse of the site reveals an extensive collection of flowering plants, as this depiction of approximately 70 plants demonstrates.

The purpose of this booklet is to assist with the recognition of the plants that occur along the walking track near the centre. Hopefully the use of this guide will enrich the experience of exploring this particular bushland area. The walking track is illustrated on pages 4 and 5.

The plants in this booklet are part of a continuum of plant communities, with Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest on the ridge, merging into a Shale/Sandstone Transition Forest (both of which are classified as endangered) and lower down the slope a Sydney Sandstone Ridgetop Woodland Community. A number of plant species found within the bush reserve are classified as threatened.

This booklet has been developed and designed with the input of volunteers working at the Community Environment Centre. The effort of Lesley Waite and Lachlan Turner in this project is to be commended. The Centre is a community resource where environmental information and advice can be readily accessed by residents of the Hills Shire.

Enjoy your exploration of this fragile bushland area.

- Please stay on the track and minimise your impact.
- The track is about 650 metres in length
- · Correct footwear should be worn on the walk
- Please return the booklet at the end of your walk.
- If you have any questions please chat to the volunteers or staff on your return.











Family Name PITTOSPORACEAE

Genus Species

Billardiera scandens

Common Name

Apple-berry Dumplings

Description

Climber. Thin twining stems. Clambers over nearby shrubs & then droops over supporting plant.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & heath. On hillsides & in gullies.

Other Notes

Fleshy cylindrical fruit edible when raw.

Flowering Months

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CLIMBERS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name RANUNCULACEAE

Genus Species Clematis aristata

Common Name Old Man's Beard

Description

Climber. Vigorous with stems to 6 m long. Leaves divided into 3 toothed leaflets, each with 3 parallel veins.

Habitat

Widespread in forests with moist gullies.

Other Notes

Showy, 4 petalled, star-shaped flowers, sightly larger than C. glycinoides. Seed pod opens to a fluffy cluster of hairs.







Family Name RANUNCULACEAE

Genus Species Clematis glycinoides

Common Name

Forest Clematis

Description

Climber. Vigorous with stems to 6 m long. Leaves divided into 3 toothless leaflets, each with 3 parallel veins.

Habitat

Forests - usually on sheltered slopes.

Other Notes

Similar to C. aristata; but leaflets smaller and thinner with no teeth. Seed pod opens to a fluffy cluster of hairs.

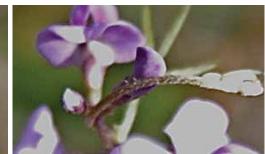
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CLIMBERS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name **FABACEAE**

Genus Species Glycine microphylla

Common Name Small leaf Glycine

Description

Climber. Scrambles over nearby supporting plants. Leaves divided into 3 narrow leaflets.

Habitat

Moist semi-shaded areas in open forest growing in shale soils.

Other Notes

Pea flowers may appear at any time during the year.

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Family Name FABACEAE

Genus Species

Hardenbergia violaceae

Common Name

Purple Twining Pea

Description

Climber. Twining plant with long hairless stems. Strongly veined long, narrow, heart shaped leaves.

Habitat

Common in open forest woodland heath & coastal sand dune scrub.

Other Notes

Can almost cover supporting understorey plants. A bushy upright form occurs in clay soils.

Flowering Months

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CLIMBERS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name **FABACEAE**

Genus Species

Kennedia rubicunda

Common Name Dusky Coral Pea

Description

Climber. Vigorous twining plant with rusty hairy stems draped over low vegetation. Leaves in 3s at ends of short stalk.

Habitat

Sheltered forest woodland, sandstone bushland & coastal scrub.

Other Notes

Prefers small understorey plants for support.

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Family Name ADIANTACEAE

Genus Species

Adiantum aethiopicum

Common Name Maiden Hair Fern

Description

Fern. Creeping rhizome. Many branched fronds 200 mm to 500 mm high with brown stalks.

Habitat

Along creeks in damp open situations & along the base of damp rocky ledges.

Other Notes

Can form large colonies when on the shady side. More sparse on sunny side.

Flowering Months

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Family Name ADIANTACEAE

Genus Species

Cheilanthes sieberi

Common Name

Poison Rock Fern or Mulga Fern

Description

Fern. Grows from a rhizome & is short to medium stemmed with an open creeping habit.

Habitat

Exposed rocky crevices and sheltered rocks in open woodlands.

Other Notes

Often has a shrivelled appearance as a coping mechanism for dry soils.

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Family Name POLYPODIACEAE

Genus Species

Platycerium bifurcatum

Common Name Elkhorn Fern

Description

Fern. Epiphyte rhizome. Much branched with hanging habit.

Habitat

Typically attached to large trees or rock faces in moist situations in deep forests.

Other Notes

Often found in domestic gardens and greenhouses.

Flowering Months

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Family Name GLEICHENIACEAE

Genus Species Sticherus flabellatus

Common Name Umbrella Fern, Shiny Fan Fern

Description

Fern. A long creeping rhizome with up to 2 fronds on a single stem up to 1 m high.

Habitat

Along creeks and other moist locations under rock ledges. Prefers sheltered position.

Other Notes

Along creeks and other moist locations under rock ledges. Prefers sheltered position.

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Family Name CYPERACEAE

Genus Species

Caustis flexuosa

Common Name

Grandpa's Whiskers

Description

Sedge. Erect, to 1m, with masses of curly branchlets. Leaves are reduced to dark brown sheaths along the stems.

Habitat

Common on dry sandstone soils in heath and woodland.

Other Notes

Small thread-like creamy flowers occur in amongst the leaf sheaths for a short time in spring

Flowering Months

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GRASS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name XANTHORRHOEACEAE

Genus Species

Lomandra longifolia

Common Name

Long or Spiney headed Mat Rush

Description

Grass. Upright perennial plant with long narrow flat glossy leaves toothed at ends growing up to 1 m tall.

Habitat

Widespread on sandy sites near watercourses. Also on hillsides cliffs & open forests.

Other Notes

The stiff flower stalk has numerous sharp spikes protruding beyond the flowers.

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Family Name XANTHORRHOEACEAE

Genus Species

Lomandra multiflora

Common Name

Many Flowered Mat Rush

Description

Grass. Very low sparse grass-like tussock with dark greygreen rigid leaves up to 600 mm in length laying fairly flat.

Habitat

Generally widespread but not common in open forest & sandy hillsides.

Other Notes

Has both male & female flowers on the one plant.

Flowering Months

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GRASS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION



Family Name XANTHORRHOEACEAE

Genus Species Xanthorrhoea media

Common Name Forest Grass Tree

Description

Grass. Perennial plant with underground stem, long crowded leaves rising from the base at ground level.

Habitat

Exposed sandstone ridges & open forest hillsides.

Other Notes

Flowering is often influenced by recent bushfires.

Flowering Months

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Family Name APIACEAE

Genus Species

Actinotus helianthi

Common Name

Flannel Flower

Description

Herb. Slender erect plant to 800mm with spreading habit. Has white, woolly hairs over most of plant.

Habitat

Heath open forest & coastal sand dunes.

Other Notes

Leaves divided into numerous soft segments. Flowers densely packed in the centre of radiating white bracts.

Flowering Months

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HERBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name APIACEAE

Genus Species

Actinotus minor

Common Name

Lesser Flannel Flower

Description

Herb. Low perennial plant straggling through lower vegetation to 500 mm.

Habitat

Open forest scrub & heath in sandy soils in the sandstone understorey.

Other Notes

Flowering times depends on region. Often overlooked due to the small size of its flowers.

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Family Name IRIDACEAE

Genus Species

Patersonia sericea

Common NameNative Iris

Description

Herb. Small perennial plant up to 500 mm tall with straplike linear leaves rising in a clump from ground level.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

May be a singular specimen. Sometimes many spread close by.

Flowering Months

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HERBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name STYLIDIACEAE

Genus Species

Stylidium graminifolium

Common Name

Grass-leaf Trigger Plant

Description

Herb. Perennial plant with grass-like leaves rising from the base of the flowering stem.

Habitat

Open forest on sandy soils amongst rocky terrain.

Other Notes

Unique trigger in flower is released when an insect lands, depositing pollen.

Flowering Months

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Family Name LILIACEAE

Genus Species

Thysanotus tuberosus

Common Name

Common Fringe Lily

Description

Herb. Grows up to 600 mm tall with much branched flower stems. Has cylindrical tubers on the roots & insignificant leaves.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Each flower lasts only 1 day. Plant produces flowers continuously over several months. Tubers are edible.

Flowering Months

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HERBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name APIACEAE

Genus Species Xanthosia pilosa

Common Name Woolly Xanthosia

Description

Herb. A low straggling shrub with soft hairy oblong to ovate leaves growing up to 300 mm tall.

Habitat

Heath & dry woodlands forest on shallow sandy soils.

Other Notes

A striking & variable plant, widespread & common in sandstone country.

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Family Name ORCHIDACEAE

Genus Species Dipodium punctatum

Common Name Hyacinth Orchid

Description

Orchid. Striking, usually erect, ground plant, mostly leafless. Grows to around 800 mm.

Habitat

Forest & woodland on sandy soils in rocky locations.

Other Notes

This species is saprophytic, deriving nourishment from organic matter in the soil. Hence no need for leaves.

Flowering Months

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ORCHIDS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name ORCHIDACEAE

Genus Species

Pterostylis concinna

Common Name

Greenhood Orchid

Description

Orchid. Ground hugging plant with slender flower stalk about 150 mm tall growing among other grasses.

Habitat

Sheltered areas of open forest & woodland.

Other Notes

This orchid is usually found in large colonies, spreading by development of new tubers at the end of their roots.

Flowering Months

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SMALL TREE - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name MYRTACEAE

Genus Species

Angophora hispida

Common Name Dwarf Apple

Description

Tree. Small twisted spreading plant 3 to 5 m tall. Grey loose rough bark. Leaves stalkless, broad & opposite.

Habitat

Woodland & heath on sandy soils in sandstone areas.

Other Notes

Flowers attract many insects & honey bees. Young growth covered in distinctive red hairs.

Flowering Months

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SMALL TREE - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION



Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus SpeciesBanksia serrata

Common Name Old Man Banksia

Description

Tree. Tough & gnarled plant 3 to 6 m depending on local conditions. Long leathery leaves with toothed margins.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath & old sand dunes.

Other Notes

Characterised by nobbly bark & old woody cones which stay on the tree for months or years. Flowers grey to cream.

Flowering Months

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Family Name CUNONIACEAE

Genus Species Callicoma serratifolia

Common Name

Black Wattle

Description

Tree. Grows to 15 m tall with opposite, broad lanceolate leaves to 100 mm. Leaf margins distinctly toothed.

Habitat

Damp rocky gullies, banks of sheltered sandstone creeks.

Other Notes

Flowers could be mistaken for one of the acacia species.

Flowering Months

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SMALL TREE - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name CUNONIACEAE

Genus Species

Ceratopetalum gummiferum

Common Name

Christmas Bush

Description

Tree. Grows to 5 m tall. Open to dense habit depending on location.

Habitat

Forest & woodland usually sheltered in deep sandy soils.

Other Notes

Insignificant white flowers make way for showy red calyces around Christmas.

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Family Name MYRTACEAE

Genus Species Eucalyptus squamosa

Common Name Scaly Bark

Description

Tree. A distinctive, medium sized tree of 5 to 8 metres with a straggly growth habit, short trunk and crooked branches. The bark is rough and scaly/flakey, the leaves are grey-green, dull and thin, the branchlets are red and warty.

Habitat

Found only on the remnant ridgetop sandstone ridges and plateaus of the Sydney District. Corymbia gummifera (Red Bloodwood) are often found nearby.

Other Notes

Flowers are creamy and in large clusters on the end of branches.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name MIMOSACEAE

Genus Species Acacia brownii

Common NameGolden Prickly Wattle

Description

Small spreading prickly shrub usually less than 1m. Phyllodes (leaf) are straight, rigid, angled and sharp tipped.

Habitat

Woodland Heath & scrub on sandy or clay soils.

Other Notes

Less common than Acacia ulicifolia but easily distinguished by its deep yellow flowers.

Flowering Months

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Family Name MIMOSACEAE

Genus Species

Acacia linifolia

Common Name

Flax-leafed wattle

Description

Small erect, graceful, open, slender shrub 1 - 2 m tall. Dark green linear phyllodes (leaf) up to 40 mm long.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Can be in flower at other times of the year.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name MIMOSACEAE

Genus Species

Acacia longissima

Common Name Long-leaf Wattle

Habitat

Sheltered forest usually in gullies or in clay-shale soils.

Medium to tall erect spreading shrub 2 - 4 m tall. Weeping

branches. Pyllodes long, straight & thin with one main vein.

Other Notes

Description

Can be in flower at other times of the year.

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Family Name MIMOSACEAE

Genus Species

Acacia suaveolens

Common Name Sweet-scented Wattle

Description

Small slender erect shrub to 2 m tall with angular branches. Phyllodes (leaf) straight, narrow, to 12 cm, small point.

Habitat

Widespread in woodland and heath, generally in sandstone soils.

Other Notes

Highly scented flowers. New growth distinctly pinkish. Unopened buds enclosed in large brown bracts.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name MIMOSACEAE

Genus Species Acacia ulicifolia

Common Name Prickly Moses

Description

Small prickly shrub usually less than 1 m tall but older plants taller. Phyllodes (leaf) 14 mm long, crowded & needle-like.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath sand dunes.

Other Notes

Common name derived from former original genus "Mimosa". May flower at other times if conditions favourable.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species Banksia ericifolia

Camana Nama

Common Name Heath Banksia

Description

Medium to tall, open, bushy shrub to 5 m tall. Long flower spikes grow at the intersection of small branchlets.

Habitat

Widespread in woodland & heath growing in sandy soils. Not usually in gullies.

Other Notes

Exudes a honey like liquid or nectar. Popular with nectar feeding birds. Open flowers are a brilliant orange to red.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus SpeciesBanksia oblongifolia

Common Name Fern-leaf Banksia

Description

Small open spreading shrub to 2 m tall. New growth often has soft rust coloured hairs.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & heath in sandstone soils.

Other Notes

Somewhat untidy in appearance. New growth a noticeable tan colouration. Flower spikes are greenish yellow.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Banksia spinulosa

Common Name Hairpin Banksia

Description

Small spreading shrub to 2 m. At times quite compact. Narrow linear leaves, finely toothed near the tip.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & heath preferring a sunny but protected location.

Other Notes

Flowers range from cream through yellow to brilliant to dark orange. Styles hooked at tip - hence common name.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name RUTACEAE

Genus Species Boronia ledifolia

Common Name Sydney Boronia

Description

Small open shrub to 1 m tall. Simple, narrow elliptical leaves to 30 mm, can be divided into 3 leaflets.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & heath.

Other Notes

The first Boronia to flower in Sydney's bushland. One of the most conspicuous plants when in flower.

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Family Name RUTACEAE

Genus Species

Boronia pinnata

Common Name

Pinnate Boronia

Description

Small attractive, closely growing, open shrub to 1 m tall. Leaves divided into 5-9 leaflets.

Habitat

Widespread in moist, sheltered spots of open woodland & heath on sandy soils.

Other Notes

Pinnate leaves emit a strong aromatic perfume when crushed.

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Family Name FABACEAE

Genus Species

Bossiaea obcordata

Common Name

Spiny Bossiaea

Description

Small erect twiggy shrub about 800 mm tall. Spiny tipped, angular, flattened branches.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in shales & sandy soils.

Other Notes

Leaves alternate with a rounded heart shape.

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Family Name MYRTACEAE

Genus Species Callistemon rigidus

Common Name Stiff Bottlebrush

Description

Medium to tall erect or spreading shrub to 4 m tall in favourable locations. Linear leaves up to 100 mm long & 5 mm wide.

Habitat

Damp scrub along sandstone creeks. Clay or shale soils.

Other Notes

Seed pods from previous season's flowers may still be evident on the branches.

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Family Name MYRTACEAE

Genus Species Calytrix tetragona

Common Name Fringed Myrtle

Description

Small spreading but often dense shrub to 2 m tall with small crowded leaves. Colour variations as flowers mature.

Habitat

Scrub & sandstone heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

A showy plant when in full bloom, aging with distinctive red calyces and long thread like awns.

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Family Name POLYGALACEAE

Genus Species

Comesperma ericinum

Common Name

Pink Matcheads

Description

Small slender erect shrub to 1 m tall often with reddish stems.

Habitat

Woodland heath & scrub on sandy soils.

Other Notes

Flowers resemble match heads when in bud, but open out to a pea like flower with 2 winged sepals.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Conospermum longifolium

Common Name

Long-leaf Coneseeds

Description

Small erect shrub with slender branches to to 1.5 m tall. Leaves to 200 mm long with wavy edges.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Flower stalks grow beyond the main part of the plant.

Flowering Months

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Family Name EPACRIDACEAE

Genus Species Epacris microphylla

Common Name Coral Heath

Description

Small wiry shrub with clusters of erect branches up to 800 mm tall. Tiny, dark heart-shaped, stem hugging leaves.

Habitat

Widespread on heath & open woodland in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Single flowers may extend in groups along the entire length of the upper branches.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name EPACRIDACEAE

Genus Species Epacris pulchella

Common Name Autumn Heath

Description

Small wiry shrub with erect branches up to 1 m tall. Sharp pointed leaves. White flowers - sometimes pinkish.

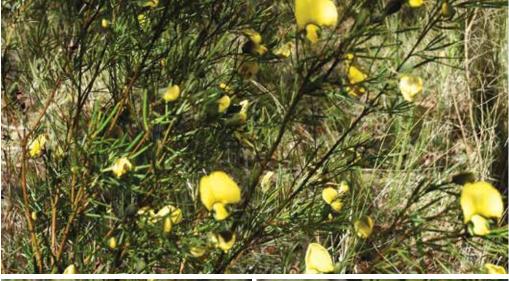
Habitat

Widespread in heath & woodland on sandy soils.

Other Notes

Similar to E. microphylla which has smaller flowers & smaller, darker leaves.

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Family Name FABACEAE

Genus Species

Gompholobium grandiflorum

Common Name

Large Wedge-pea

Description

Small erect shrub to 1 m tall with slender branches. Conspicuous dark green buds at the ends of branchlets.

Habitat

Open forest, heath & woodland. Widespread in sandstone soils.

Other Notes

Leaves are divided into 3 leaflets.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Grevillea buxifolia

Common Name

Grey Spider Flower

Description

Small erect shrub to 2 m tall. Various forms - compact to open growth habit. Grey flowers cluster at branch ends.

Habitat

Woodland & heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Narrow crowded, ovate-elliptical leaves, to 25 mm.

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Grevillea mucronulata

Common Name

Green Spider Flower

Description

Small spreading low shrub to 1.5 m tall. Mostly open habit.

Habitat

Open forest & woodland in both sandy & clay soils.

Other Notes

Leaf shape different when growing in sandy or clay soils. Flowers almost inconspicuous.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Grevillea sericea

Common Name

Pink Spider Flower

Description

Medium to tall open shrub to 2 m tall. Leaves have fine silky hairs below and a pointed tip.

Habitat

Open forest & woodland in both sandy soils.

Other Notes

Occasional flowers appearing at other times of the year. The depth of 'pink' in the flowers varies.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Grevillea speciosa

Common Name

Red Spider Flower

Description

Low spreading open shrub between 1 to 2 m tall with silky & hairy young branches.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Quite common within its range.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Hakea sericea

Common Name

Silky Needle Bush

Description

Medium to tall spreading shrub to 3m tall with rigid, needle like leaves having a very sharp tip.

Habitat

Open forest scrub & heath in sandy & clay soils.

Other Notes

Leaves at right angles to the stems.

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Family Name DILLENIACEAE

Genus Species

Hibbertia monogyna

Common Name

Leafy Guinea Flower

Description

Small erect shrub to 600 mm tall. The small leaves have a heart shaped notch on the end.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils with a shrubby understorey.

Other Notes

Flowers are without stalks being borne at the end of short shoots.

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Isopogon anemonifolius

Common Name

Narrow-leafed Drumstick

Description

Small erect shrub to 1.5 m tall with leaves divided into numerous flattened fern-like segments.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Fruiting cones resemble drumsticks.

Flowering Months

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Family Name MYRTACEAE

Genus Species

Kunzea ambigua

Common Name Tick Bush

Description

Medium to tall spreading or weeping shrub to 3 m tall having small linear crowded leaves.

Habitat

Woodland heath & scrub usually on sandy soils.

Other Notes

Known to re-colonise bare & disturbed sites in preferred habitat.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Lambertia formosa

Common Name

Mountain Devil or Honey Flower

Description

Small spreading open shrub to 2 m tall with narrow, sharply pointed, pungent leaves in whorls. "Mountain Devil" fruit.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & sandstone heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Frequently seen on rocky hillsides. Flowers produce an abundant nectar favoured by honeyeaters.

Flowering Months

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Family Name STERCULIACEAE

Genus Species

Lasiopetalum ferrugineum

Common Name

Rusty Velvet Bush

Description

Small shrub to 1.5 m high. Flowers, branches & leaves feature rusty coloured hairs.

Habitat

Eucalypt forest, heath, protected woodland understorey, preferring sandstone soils.

Other Notes

Drooping habit. Can grow larger if conditions favourable.

Flowering Months

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Family Name MYRTACEAE

Genus Species

Leptospermum squarrosum

Common Name

Pink Tea-tree

Description

Medium to tall, dense shrub to 3 m. Has prickly & pungent lance shaped leaves.

Habitat

Widespread in open forest, scrub & heath usually in more sandy soils.

Other Notes

Can be used as a garden specimen because of its showy flowers.

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Family Name EPACRIDACEAE

Genus Species Leucopogon muticus

Common Name

Blunt bearded heath

Description

Small slender erect shrub up to 2 m high. Leaves alternate with a distinctive broad rounded tip & light grey undersides.

Habitat

Open forest woodland & heath.

Other Notes

Leucopogon means "white beard". Inside the flowers are densely covered with fine white hairs.

Flowering Months

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Lomatia silaifolia

Common Name

Crinkle Bush

Description

Small to medium shrub to 1.5 m tall. Rigid, highly divided leaves.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Flower stems are taller than the main plant.

Flowering Months

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Family Name ASTERACEAE

Genus Species

Ozothamnus diosmifolius

Common Name

White Dogwood

Description

Small upright much branched shrub up to 2 m tall with small crowded leaves.

Habitat

Open forest especially in fertile clay soils but sometimes in sandy soil.

Other Notes

Very conspicuous when in flower.

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Persoonia levis

Common Name

Broad-leaf Geebung

Description

Medium to tall erect sometimes crooked shrub to 4 m with black, flakey bark in thin layers, and deep red below.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Large wide light green leaves. Small fleshy green fruit. Small yellow 4-lobed flowers. Young branches often reddish.

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Persoonia linearis

Common Name

Narrow-leaf Geebung

Description

Medium to tall erect but spreading shrub, usually 2 to 3 metres, but occasionally more. Black flaky bark in thin layers and deep red below.

Habitat

Open forest & woodland.

Other Notes

Thin narrow light green leaves. Small fleshy green fruit with purplish stripes.

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Family Name PROTEACEAE

Genus Species

Petrophile pulchella

Common Name

Conesticks

Description

Medium to tall shrub 3 m high. Leaves are very divided, having distinctive, but not sharply pointed tips.

Habitat

Heath & dry woodlands forest on shallow sandy soils.

Other Notes

Noticeable oblong fruiting cones are terminal up to 50 mm long.

Flowering Months

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Family Name RUTACEAE

Genus Species

Philotheca salsolifolia

Common Name

Common Wax Flower

Description

Small spreading shrub varying from a low dwarf heath plant to an erect plant 1m tall in open woodland.

Habitat

Heath & woodland, especially in deep sands as well as on rocky sites.

Other Notes

Leaves crowded, linear & up to 12 mm long.

Flowering Months

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Genus Species

Phyllota phylicoides

Common Name

Common Phyllota

Description

Small erect shrub to 1 m with narrow upward pointing leaves. Flowers at the end of stems.

Habitat

Woodland & heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Sometimes confused with Pultenaea stipularis or Dillwynia grandiflora. Young stems & calyx covered in long hairs.

Flowering Months

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Family Name THYMELAEACEAE

Genus Species

Pimelea linifolia

Common Name

Slender Rice Flower

Description

Small upright shrub to 1 m tall with slim tough hairless stems. Flower heads are terminal.

Habitat

Open forest woodland heath in sandy soils.

Other Notes

Sometimes flowering at other times of year.

Flowering Months

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name PITTOSPORACEAE

Genus Species Pittosporum revolutum

Common Name Yellow Pittosporum

Description

Medium to tall shrub to 3m high with broad slightly wavy edged leaves clustered at the ends of branches.

Habitat

Moist forest & rainforest mainly in richer clay-shale soils.

Other Notes

Yellow scented flowers. Rough, warty fruits split to reveal showy, red seeds which attract birds.

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Genus SpeciesPultenaea flexilis

Common NameGraceful Bush-pea

Description

Medium to tall erect bushy shrub to 3 m. Linear, narrow, flat, greyish leaves about 20 mm long.

Habitat

Open forest usually on sheltered hillsides under eucalypts, & in gullies.

Other Notes

A showy species common along forest borders.

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SHRUBS - ANNANGROVE SEASONAL WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION







Family Name EPACRIDACEAE

Genus Species Styphelia laeta

Common Name
White/Pink Five Corners

Description

Small rigid spreading shrub to 1.5 m tall.

Habitat

Open forest, woodland heath in sandstone soils, sandy clay & alluvium.

Other Notes

Flower tends towards pink with age. Fruit is edible.

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Family Name EPACRIDACEAE

Genus Species

Styphelia tubiflora

Common Name Red Five Corners

Description

Small spreading shrub to 1 m tall. Fruit rounded & succulent - about 5 mm long.

Habitat

Widespread but not common in woodland & heath on sandy soils.

Other Notes

Conspicuous red flowers in autumn & winter. Fruit is edible.

Flowering Months

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Glossary

TERM EXPLANATION

alluvium Soils deposited by flowing streams and watercourses.

alternate Leaves or shoots occurring alternately on opposite sides along a stem.

A bristle-like projection. awns

bract Modified leaf associated with a flower or inflorescence.

calvces Plural of calyx.

calyx Collective term for the sepals of a flower.

epiphyte A plant growing on another plant, but not parasitic. inflorescence The arrangement in which flowers are borne on a plant.

lanceolate Shaped like a lance or spear head: long & narrow, tapering at both ends but broadest

below the middle & being pointed at the tip.

linear Long & narrow with nearly parallel sides.

opposite Two leaves growing from a stem directly opposite one another.

That structure within a flower that contains unfertilised seeds (ovules). ovary

A two-dimensional egg-shaped leaf which is broadest below the middle. Can be pointed ovate

or rounded at the end.

Living off another plant. Deriving nourishment from a host plant. parasitic

perennial Persisting for three or more years.

phyllode A flattened enlarged leaf stalk which looks & functions like a leaf. A compound leaf with leaflets diverging from a common axis.

pinnate

A fine powdery substance, typically yellow, consisting of microscopic grains discharged pollen

from the male part of a flower.

rhizome An underground stem, usually horizontal.

saphrophytic A plant deriving its nutrition from dead organic matter; usually lacking chlorophyll. One of the outer segments surrounding a flower. Collectively known as the calyx. sepal

stigma That part of a flower that receives the pollen.

stvle That part of a flower that is between the ovary & the stigma.

terminal At the apex or end of a branch or stalk.

tuber A swollen underground storage organ formed from the stem or roots.

Three or more leaves roughly arranged in a circular shape. whorl



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- Open on Thursdays between 9 am and 4 pm
- Located at the back of Annangrove Park
- · Accessed off Currie Ave, Annangrove.

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