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WEST COAST FLOWER REPORT - 2014

(Updated 07/08/2014)



For updated weather reports, you may visit the following websites:



www.yr.no

www.accuweather.com

www.windguru.com

www.fallingrain.com

www.weathersa.co.za

Flowerline - 072 938 8186



Remember that along with the flowers it is also **Whale season!** For updates on sightings or to log sightings, visit www.awhaleofaheritageroute.co.za/westcoast_whalesightingsreport.pdf !!!

NAMAQUA WEST COAST AREA

HARDEVELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: In Nuwerus langs die Landplaas pad in die dorp en in Kambro straat die skool gronde. Vir die kleiner blomme moet mense uitklim en rondloop

TYPE OF FLOWERS

Geel vygies, oranje daisies.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Please note that this is someone's perception, and not a guarantee.

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

STRANDFONTEIN

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Drive between Lutzville and Strandfontein and Doringbaai.

TYPE OF FLOWERS

all kinds of flowers, very colourful.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

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LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Wandering Whale Labyrinth, Doringbaai

TYPE OF FLOWERS daisies, gazanias, pelagonias



Strandfontein



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

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DORINGBAAI

VANRHYNSDORP

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: In Vanrhynsdorp self is daar baie op die sypaadjies en in mense se tuine. Draai net links op met die pad langs die Mercedes garage en ry daardie deel van die dorp. end van kerkstraat.....

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Daisies, Glasoog magrietjies, tonginniekies, vygies

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Vanrhynsdorp ,Ou Kobbek Pad, R27 tot Vanrhynspas

TYPE OF FLOWERS:



HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Gifberg, Vanrhynsdorp

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Velde vol wit en oranje blomme. Vygies ook begin blom

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

CEDERBERG AREA

CLANWILLIAM

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: RAMSKOP NATURE GARDEN, VREDE OORD CEMETARY, OPEN ERFS IN THE UPPER AREA OF TOWN, N7

TYPE OF FLOWERS: MOSTLY REENBLOMME (WHITE DAISIES), VYGIES

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

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FLOWER SHOWS:

<u>Name:</u>	CLANWILLIAM WILD FLOWER SHOW
<u>Date & Time:</u>	28 AUGUST – 6 SEPTEMBER (9:00 – 18:00 daily)
<u>Venue:</u>	OLD DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH (Blommekerk)
<u>Admission:</u>	R30 adults – R25 pensioners – R5 children

Contact detail: 027 482 2024 – cederberg@lando.co.za
www.clanwilliamwildflowerfestival.co.za



CITRUSDAL

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Boschkloof farm, N7 towards Clanwilliam, R303

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Mostly Daisies

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / **Patches** / Few

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LAMBERT'S BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Roadside patches, all over town and surrounds.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Please see notes attached.

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**



12:50pm - 28 July 2014
Coming into Lambert's Bay on the R364.
'Welcome to a 'Blooming Marvelous' Bay'!

Lambert's Bay lies approximately 240km's from Cape Town, following the R27 Coastal Road, a very scenic coastal flower route to take. A coastal town with unique West Coast charm. Lambert's Bay's soils are mostly those of Sandveld and Strandveld character. Keep an eye out for the unique 'Rotstert'!

At present it is still early days for flowers here in Lambert's Bay, but very good 'flower' weather over the last few months, gives promise of an exceptional bloom for the season ahead! Periods of good rains followed by lots of sunshine in between will have given the seedlings all the sun and rain needed to flourish and although at the moment we are still expected to have a few more weeks of this weather, we expect the flowers to come into full bloom by middle August and, weather permitting will continue well into September.

Our weather forecast for this week looks very promising, clear skies and sunny days, but cloud coming over again over the weekend although temperatures remain moderately high.

At the moment the following plants are in bloom and looking quite fabulous!

- Trachyandra Falcata (Namakwa Kool)
- Veltheimia Capensis (Sandlelie)
- Lachenalia Rubida (Sand Viooltjie)
- Gethuyllis Afra (Kukumakranka)
- Ferraria Densepunctulata (Grys Uiltjie)
- The Babiana Ringens (Rotstert)
- Lapeirousia Jacquinii (Blou Koringblom)
- Gladiolus Gracilis (Blou Pypie)
- Limeum Africanum (Koggelmandervoet)
- Montinia Caryophyllacea (Peperbos)
- Melianthus Elongatus (Truitjie)
- Oxalis pes-caprae (Suring)
- Oxalis compressa (Baster Suring)
- Pelargonium (Rooi Malva)
- Solanum Linnaeanum (Gifappel)
- Salvia Africana-Lutea (Strand Salie) Elandbaai
- Salvia Lanceolata (Rooi Salie)
- Manulea Altissima (Witkoppie)
- Lyperia Triste (Traanblommetjie)
- Arctopus Echinatus (Platannadoring)
- Oncosiphon Glabratum (Wildekamille)

Lambert's Bay has a large amount of Oxalis at present. The Lyperia Triste (Traanblommetjie) has shown it's lovely face and bear in mind this flower can be viewed in any weather and even at night, so why not do a unique 'Night Flower' search! What a picture that would be? Although a lot of this tremendous scenery is visible from roadside, more unique flower types will require you to walk deeper into the landscape and sometimes it will require expert guides to take you to specific locations where certain flowers bloom.

Lambert's Bay Tourism would like to thank,

Arend & Cornel De Waal

Arend De Waal Flower Tours 0833541788 (Available Weekends Only)

Kosmoshuise Accommodation 0837315859

Lambert's Bay's Tourism Office is hosting a 'Flower-Power' Competition throughout the season! Snap a fabulous 'Flower Power' picture and send it to us to stand a chance to win a weekend in our beautiful town! Including accommodation, meals and sightseeing! Join us and find out more on our Facebook page (Lambert's Bay Tourism)!

BERGRIVIER AREA

VELDDRIF

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Op al die leë erwe in die dorp, oppad na Dwarskersbos, langs die pad. Kyk gerus hoe mooi blom Bergrivier golfklub. 'n Fotograaf se droom.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Geel Bobbejaankool, Geel Ossiebossie, Geel Hongerblom, Geel Langbeensuring, Wit Madeliefies, Wilde Kamille, Rooi Viooltjies, Blou Salie, Skilpadbessie, Wit Slakblom, Jonkmansknoop, Weeskindertjies, Oranje Magrietjies, Oranje Gousblom, Trekkertjies, Spinnepkopblom, Soetbobbejaantjies, Felecia, Vyf-Pond-Bos (Slaaibos)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

SALDANHA AREA

HOPEFIELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: In town on vacant plots
Next to Soutriver in town
On road to Langebaanweg (R45)
Plaasmol (R45) 5km outside Hopefield
At the back of old cemetery
At the back of boys bordingschool From R27 on R234
(Bergriver road) Turn around at the farm Kliphoek
Backroad next to Langebaanweg Airforce base. Turn around
At Koningsvlei
Fynbos garden
Next to Library
At Hopefield Sports grounds

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Wit Reënblommetjies (Daisies), Oranje Gousblomme, Arum Lillies (Varkore), Geel Bobbejaantjie, Rotsstert, Poprosie, Speldekussing, Viooltjie, Geel Klapperbrak, Restios, Pienk Suring, Geel Suring, Men in boat (Patrysblom), Platdoring, Kapokbossie, Drumsticks, Krimpvarkie (Hedgehog lilly),

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields** of White daisies,

Patches of orange Gousblomme,
Plenty of Arum lilies along Zout River

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perception, and not a guarantee.*

FLOWER SHOWS:

Name: Hopefield Fynbos Show 28-31 August 2014
Date & Time: 09h00-17h00
Beergarden open till late

Venue: Hopefield Sports Ground, Ou Koperfontein way
Hopefield

Admission: R20 Adults, R15 Seniors, R5 Children under 12

Contact detail: Fiona Kotze 022 783 0856
Lizelle Strydom 022 723 1720 / 073 187 6764

JACOBSBAAI

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Jacobsbaai

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Kleinkruid	Foveolina tenella
Bietou	Chrysanthemoides monilifera
Soetkop dikblaar	Senecio sarcoides
Ossierrapuis	Crassothonna cylindrica
Hongerblom	Senecio maritimus
Reenblommetjies	Dimorphotheca pluvialis
Gousblomme	Arctotis hirsuta
Varkoor	Zanthesdeschia aethiopica
Calendula	Arctotheca calendula
Suring	Oxalis pes-caprae
Reënblommetjies	

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LANGEBAAN

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Road Langebaan Gate to Geelbek:
Type of Flowers : Kaopkbossie(White Flower), Bobbejaankool (Yellow flower)
Strand Sallie(Brown Flower), Harpuisbos/Euryops(Yellow Flower), Restio/Riet(Brown Flower), Blombos(White Flower),

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Oostewal & Sunbird Drive
Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White)

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Langebaan Town / Langebaan Country Estate

Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White), Geelhongerblomme
: Gousblommetjies, Blue Flax/ Sporrie

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Langebaan Gate to Seeberg Hide
Type of Flowers : Orange gousblom, Yellow Suring, Skilpad Tebossie(Yellow),
Sukkelbossie(White Flower),Bobbejaankool(Yellow Flower),
Spinnekopblom Stems, Hongerblom(Yellow & Pink).

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Langebaan Town / Langebaan Country Estate
Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White), Geelhongerblomme
: Gousblommetjies, Blue Flax/ Sporrie (Blue Flower)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Road Langebaan Gate to Geelbek:
Type of Flowers : Kaopkbossie(White Flower),Bobbejaankool (Yellow flower)
Strand Sallie(Brown Flower),Harpuisbos/Euryops(Yellow
Flower),Restio/Riet(Brown Flower),Blombos(White Flower),
Geelmelkbos(Yellow Rossete).

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Road to Geelbek and Kraalbaai
Type of Flowers : Bietou(Yellow Flower),Blombos(White Flower),
Geelmelkbos(Yellow Rossete),Strand Salie(Brown Flower),
Rooi Naeltjie,Truitjie(Red Flower).

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Myburgh Park, Oliphantskop
Type of Flowers : Suring/Sorrel(Yellow&Pink),Reenblommetjies (White & Orange),
Eendekos(Yellow button flower),Blouflaks.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Road between Langebaan & Saldanha
Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Kraalbaai to Tjaarbank
Type of Flowers : All the above shrubs.Helder Kuip Vygie(Yellow Flower)
Vygiebos(Bright Purple),Ice Plant,Suring/Sorrel(Yellow &Pink)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Postberg Gate Left to Plankiesbaai
Type of Flowers : Suring/Sorrel(Yellow&Pink),Reenblommetjies,
: Eendekos(Yellow button flower),Vygiebos(Bright Purple)

- : Pronk Tulp/Tulip(Pink),Petsnot(Yellow Flower).
- : Bobbejaantjies, Bont viooltjies, Bloukappie, Rotstert, Varklelie,
: Naeltjiesblom, Lobelia, Vygies, Bloubekkie, Vygie bosse,
- : Pietsnot, Bietou, Rooi Salie, Spinnekopblom, Elandsvy,
- : Reenblommetjie, Slang Tamarak, Bobbejaankool, Bloupypie,
- : Lewertjies, Sterretjie, wit daisies, Froetang, Pers Hongerblom,
- : Bokbaai Vygie, Veldkool, Kapokbossie,

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

☀ **WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK: POSTBERG OPEN until 30 SEPTEMBER!!!**

TEL:- 022 772 2144

- **Entrance fees: R56– South African Citizens, Kids under 12 – R28**
- **R120– International Tourist per person**

☀ **Open week 8-13 September **FREE** entry for South African Citizens !!**
(Bring ID Book)

PATERNOSTER

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: On smallholding Pelgrimsrust just before Paternoster

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Trachyandra falcata (Namakwa Kool)
 Trachyandra muricata (rolbos Kool)
 Trachynadra ciliata (hotnots Kool/Wildeblomkool)
 Ballota africana (Kattekrui)
 Gladiolus caeruleus (Saldanha Pypie)
 Ornithogalum cooperi (Geldbeursie)
 Lampranthus vredenburgensis (Vredenburg kruip Vygie)
 Zaluzianshkyia parviflora (mini Drumsticks)
 Danbeya zeyheri (Bobbjaanhoek)
 Romulea elliptica (Vredenburg Froetang)
 Roepera morganiana (Slymbos)
 Lapeirousia jacquinii (blou Koringblom)
 Carpobrotus quadrifidus (Elandsvy)
 Carpobrotus edulis (yellow Suurvy)
 Othonna coronopifolia (sand Bobbejaankool)
 Othana cylindrica (dikblaar Bobbejaankool)
 Arctotheca populifolia (Seepampoen)
 Arctotis hirsuta (Sout Gousblom)
Dimorphoteka pluvialis (Reenblommetjie)
 Arctopus echinatus (Platdoring)
Oxalis pes-caprae (geel Suring)
 Oxalis obtusa (geeloog Suring)
 Aristea africana (Blousuurkanol, Koringbloemetjie)
 Lachenalia rubida (sand Viooltjie)
 Lessertia frutescens (Kankerbos)
 Dorotheanthus bellidiformis (Bokbaai Vygie)
 Conicosia pugniiformis (groot Vetkousie)

Onocosiphon africanum (Wildekamille)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Bekbaai

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Dimorphotheca Pluvialis (White Rain Daisy)
Arctotheca Calendula (Yellow Cape Dandelion)
Oxalis Compressa (Baster Suring)
Senecio Elegans (Veld Cineraria)
Didelta Carnosa (Gousblom)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

CAPE COLUMBINE NATURE RESERVE

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Important Note:

Some flowers are green, some brown, some only 3mm others larger.

Be on foot to see flowers. "Don't drive it - Walk It!". Pay closer attention - you won't be disappointed.

Lebeckia sericea, blue pea bush

Sour Fig/Suurvy

Hemimeris sabulosa - Geelgesiggie

Various Veldkool

Various Gousblom

Nemesia (old: versicolor) – bont Leeubekkie / Weeskindertjies Salvia africana-lutea - Bruinsalie/Strandsalie
Roepera flexuosa - Maarbos Pelargonium fulgidum - Rooimalva Dimorphotheca pluvialis – Reenblommetjie
Dorotheanthus bellidiformis – Bokbaai Vyg, Ballota africana – Kattekruid Tetragonia fruticosa - Kinkelbossie
Osteospermum moniliferum - (Daisy Family), Bietou Euphorbia burmannii - Steenbokmelkbos/Soetmelkbos
Spiloxene ovata - Goue Sterretjie Tetragonia fruticosa - Kinkelbossie, Cotula - Buttons/Knoppies Salvia africana-lutea - Bruinsalie/Strandsalie Freesia viridis - Groenagretjie Melaspherula ramosa - Fairy Bells Roepera flexuosa - Maarbos Cynanchum africanum - Bobbejaantou Oxalis Lycium tetrandrum - Boksdoring Dimorphotheca pluvialis – Reenblommetjie, G7 Pg434 (Daisy Family) Limeum africanum - Koggelmandervoet Nemesia (old: versicolor) – bont Leeubekkie / Weeskindertjies Thesium spinosum – steek Groenbasbossie Hermannia - Doll's Rose/Poprosies Indigofera procumbens - Lewertjie

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Varies in flower types from PLENTY - PATCHES - FEW overall
PLENTY of different varieties

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Saldanha

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: From Blue Bay Lodge, drive into Camp street on your way to Saldanha, pass the Saldanha Holiday Resort at the four way stop, gravel road on the right, follow the road until you can turn right again.

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Diazville

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Gousblom, : Silwer Lewertjie/Indigofera Complicata

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields/ Patches/ **Plenty**/ Few



SAS SALDANHA NATURE RESERVE

TYPE OF FLOWERS AND HOW MANY AS WELL AS THE LOCATION OF FLOWERS :

GOUSBLOM	- Fields	- Between Malgaskop and Moeresonkop
SURING	- Patches	- Lots of them next to most the dirt roads
PIEMPIEMPIE	- Patches	- On Baviaanskop and also in the rock area next to the farmhouse. Also on the sea side of malgaskop on the dirt road about 500m after the entrance at the Northbay gate (close to the 2 nd world war buildings).
PIENK FROETANG	- Few	- Next to the dirt road at Malgaskop entering from the Academy Gate.
WILDE MALVA	- Patches	- Next to the road on the way to Skulpgate
SALDANHA PYPIE	- One One	- Next to road from Farmhouse to Kampklossie as well as next to the dirt road behind dunes to the shooting range.
WILDE MALVA	- Patches	- Next to the road on the way to Skulpgate

ST HELENA BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: **BRITANNICA HEIGHTS**

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

- Chrysanthemoides monilifera (bietou)
- Eriocephalus africanus (kapokbossie)
- Trachyandra muricata (rolbos Kool)
- Trachyandra falcate (Namakwa Kool)
- Chlorophytum triflorum (Gifkool)
- Hermannia scabra (gewone Poproos)
- Rafnia angulate (soet Houtbossie)
- Indigofera procumbens (Lewertjie)
- Romulea cruciate / elliptica (Froetang)
- White & yellow gousblomme
- Salvia disermas (large blue sage / Grootblousalie)
- Microloma sagittatum (Bokhorinkies)

- Lampranthus vredenburgenis (Vredenburg kruip vygie)
- Oxalis obtusa (Geeloog Suring) / Oxalis pes-caprae (Geelsuring)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

**Roadside coming into St Helena Bay and in the village:
more flowers over larger areas this week**

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Oxalis pes-caprae (Suring) plenty
 Dimorphotheca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie) patches
 Chrysanthemoides monilifera (Bitou) large patches
 Senecio burchellii (Gifbos) patches
 Trachyandra falcate (Namakwa kool) plenty
 Hermannia sp (Poproos)
Da Gama Monument -
Flowers more prolific, bigger patches
 Oxalis pes-caprae (Suring) plenty
 Dimorphotheca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie) patches
 Chrysanthemoides monilifera (Bitou) large patches
 Nemesia affenis (Leeubekkie) patches
 Tripteris (Osteospermum) clandestinum (Trek kertjie) patches
 Pink vygie (bush), possibly Ruschia sp patches
 Hermannia sp (Poproos) lots on sand road to monument
 Pelargonium capitatum (kus Malva) plenty spread out
 Senecio burchellii (Gifbos) patches
 Euphorbia burmannii (Steenbokbos) plenty
 Grielum humifusum (Pietsnot) patches
 Zaluzianskya parviflora (Mini drumsticks) patches
 Arctotis hirsuta (Gousblom) large patches
 Jordaaniella dubia (Sandvygie) patches
 Trachyandra ciliata (Hotnots kool) few
 Trachyandra falcate (Namakwa kool) plenty
 Lachanalia sp, small patches in flower, many more in bud
 Sparaxis sp - white star-shaped flower, few

Veld, roadside and hills between Stompneus and Britannia Bay

Dimorphotheca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie) patches
 Arctotis hirsuta (Gousblom) small patches on roadside
 Foveolina tenella (Wild chamomile) patches on the roadside
 Oxalis pes-caprae (Suring) plenty, large patches on hills
 Hermannia (Poproos) patches

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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VREDENBURG

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: R45 and the exits to Paternoster, Saldanha and Velddrif

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Gousblomme (Orange & Yellow), White Rain Daisy, Arum Lillies, Sierangs

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

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SWARTLAND AREA

DARLING

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Darling Renosterveld Reserve (Access at top of village behind the Darling Primary School or lower down gate in Langfontein street); **also on the plot just below this reserve on Petunia Street**

Tienie Versfeld Reserve (R315 Darling – Yzerfontein); Tienie Versfeld is still quiet.

Groote Post wine farm on Darling Hills Road – besides winetasting/restaurant visitors can also walk in the veld to view the wildflowers – flower drives can be booked 2 days in advance please - R130pp kids under 12 @ R75
Min 4 people /Max 10 people

Cloof and Burgherspost Nature Drives

Cloof and Burgherspost contribute to the conservation of two important veld types: Swartland Granite Bulb Veld and Atlantis Sand Fynbos, both very endangered. In our diversified farming system, we set the conservation example for the wine industry. The Darling region is well known for its beautiful spring flowers. Enjoy a guided game drive and encounter some of South-Africa's most renowned game and bird species including Bontebok, Eland, Red Hartebeest and Zebra while also viewing an array of delicate endangered flowers during the flower season (Aug & Sept). Your contribution helps fund our conservation efforts of this natural heritage. Times: weekdays 10:00 or 14:00 weekends flexible

Costs R100 pp 4-6 pax/3pax R125 pp/2 pax R150 pp/1 pax R250
Advance bookings are essential – enquire with Cloof tasting room personnel for last minute availability on weekdays or call Jacques at 084 673 5708.

Wildflower Meander

Flora Group walks will take place in the Reserves in and around Darling/Yzerfontein to be confirmed with Helene Preston. Next Wednesday the group plans to do the trail at Groote Post – another new site for most of you and very interesting, beautiful granite Renosterveld. We explore the reserves for whatever is flowering that day, also to find anything new, and to discuss anything botanical as we go along. These are gently walks, so anyone can come along. For more information – 082 222 8135 prestons@telkomsa.net

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Darling Renosterveld Reserve

Please tell visitors to walk to the left when they enter at the gate, all the way down to where the bushcut area runs out. Here they can see lots of *Gladiolus carinatus* (blou pypies), *Babiana ambigua* (Bobbejaantjies), *Romulea eximia* (froetang) are starting, the first *Ixia scillaris* (Agretjies), the creeping pink vygie *Lampranthus filicaulis*, and the orange suring *Oxalis obtusa*. There are also the skiladbessie bushes *Muraltia macropetala*, kapokbush *Eriocephalus africanus*, and lots lots more.

Then they can cut through the bushes and walk back to the tanks along the newly cut area which is just beginning to get some flowers. The area to the right when you enter the gate is also beautiful.

On the plot just below this reserve on Petunia Street

Lots and lots of *Gladiolus gracilis* (Blou Pypie) on the plot - for about another week.

Groote Post: The *Zantedeschia aethiopica* (arum or “vark blomme”) are in full bloom on the Darling Hills road. A variety of other veld flowers are definitely more visible including oxalis and white raindaisies. Fynbos alongside the road has also started flowering this past week.

Yzerfontein they can walk the Schaapeneiland trail to see lots of *Lachenalia bulbifera*

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

Name:

Date & Time:

Venue:

Admission:

Contact detail:

97th annual Darling Wildflower Show

19th, 20th and 21st September 9am – 5pm

Darling Sports Club

Adults R40/Children (U18) R20/Children (U12) free /Pensioners (Friday only) R25

084 916 1111 www.darlingwildflowers.co.za

Name:

Date & Time:

Venue:

"2014 ORCHID FAIR"

19 - 21 September (Friday to Sunday only!)

Time: from 10am-5pm daily;

@ Duckitt Nurseries (not at Oudepost Farm!)

Admission:
Contact detail:

Entrance Fee: R10 Adults & R5 Scholars, R5 Pensioners
tel: 022 492 2606 fax: 022 492 2353
Email: info@duckittnurseries.com www.duckittnurseries.com

YZERFONTEIN

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Gousblomme can be seen all around town, a good sign that the flowers are on their way. The schaap Island trail is still the best place to view the flowers. Purple and yellow vygies can be seen growing in between the rocks.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Gousblomme, purple and yellow cigarette vygies.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

To stay informed of any veld walks taking place in or around Yzerfontein/Darling please contact Lubbes Loubser 072 659 6269 (weather permitted).

NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK



Hi all

Please find updated flower report for Namaqua National Park.

Rainfall, Skilpad section, Namaqua National Park:

March 2014: 14.98mm

April 2014: 7.61mm

May 2014: 16.26mm

June 2014: 86.86mm

July 2014: 52.82mm

The rains at Skilpad was a bit later than previous years, with the first good rains at the beginning of June. Since then we have had excellent, regular rainfall. We expect the flowers to be slightly later than normal, although there are already quite a bit of flowers around. Hopefully the season will last a bit longer with the later rains.

After last weekends' rains the flowers have started to bloom in earnest. orange daisies (*Ursinia* sp.), Surings (*Oxalis* sp) and Pietsnot (*Grielum homifusum*) are very conspicuous. Vygies are coming up in nice patches all over the park.

We are expecting good flowers at the coast, albeit a bit later than normal. Please note that the coast is only accessible for 4x4 vehicles.

Skilpad is accessible with a normal sedan vehicle but a high ground clearance vehicle is needed for the remainder of the park. The road to Skilpad from Kamieskroon is drivable but bumpy from rain damage and we are awaiting the roads department to grade it for us early next week.

Further afield there is also excellent flower patches around Springbok.

Kind regards

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KOM VIER ONS FYNBOS-SKAT

- Geniet 6 000m² Binnenshuise Uitstallings
- Ontspan met Fynbos Lawwe-hoed 'High Tea'
- Ontdek deur Botaniese Plant-identifikasie
- Leer in Cape Floral Kingdom se Veld Aptek
- Beleef Binnenshuise Versiering
- Rek bene in Flora Veld-fliek (Caretakers Groep)
- Ervaar Leefstyl-opsies
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