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WEST COAST & NAMAKWA FLOWER REPORT - 2012

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SWARTLAND AREA

DARLING

Travelling along the West Coast Road between Darling and Langebaan/Saldanha, the flowers are magnificent. On our side there are excellent displays at the entrance to Rondeberg and all the way down to the Grootte Post / Darling Hills Road. The flowers are really coming on fast now and it is certainly going to be one of the best seasons for flowers in our area this year.

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 at the top of Langfontein st just below the reserve**

Darling Groenekloof Reserve (R315 alongside the SPCA premises) Park at the SPCA and enter through the small gate on the road;

Tienie Versfeld Reserve (R315 Darling – Yzerfontein); Visitors should walk to the left of the reserve following the old boardwalk and stay on the paths as it is rather wet in places otherwise.

Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve – farm road through reserve (R307 Darling – Mamre – in front of Duckitt Nursery);

Waylands – farm road through reserve (R307 to Mamre)

Visitors must please take care not to drive off the road in the Waylands and Duckitt Nurseries reserves as they may get stuck. **No buses.**

Burgherspost Wine Estate Reserve (R315 Darling – Malmesbury)

Darling hills roadsides very pretty (gravel road joining R315 to R27)

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Darling Renosterveld Reserve: This reserve is particularly nice around the reservoirs and off the pathway towards the west. Hesperantha (bontrok aandblom) – opens in afternoons; blue Suteria uncinata (bos opslag), Harmannias (poproos); oxalis (suring); romulea, arum; lachenalia (viooltjie); salmon morea flaccida, yellow spiloxene, abundant kapokbossie – Eriocephalus and some vygies. Specials to look out for: sparaxis villosa; babiana melanops and other babiana starting to make an appearance. Ixia scillarlis is just starting to appear, also gladiolus alatus. Magenta honey-scented muraltia shrubs still brightening up the bush.

Langfontein Str plot: lots of different flowers, vygies, daisies, gousblomme, lachenalia, etc

Darling Groenekloof Reserve:

Tiny lantern-like heads of the orange and yellow poproos (Hermannia); Trachyandra (kool); salmon Oxalis purpurea (Suring); white pelargonium; bright red climber Microloma (bokmaellie); yellow senecio pubigerus (skraalbossie) the pink (endangered) Lampranthus ficaulis (vygie); cotula – from the all-yellow to the white ray floretted one; Tetragonia; magenta Muraltia.

Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve: The blue flax is out in profusion; lots of arums; First Babiana pygmaea (geel Bobbejaantjie) look out for the Gladiolus carinatus (sand pypie) in the restios as well as the little yellow Nemesia affinis. In the little dam at the gate are Onixotis punctata (Dipidax) flowering - they are quite special as we do not always have the chance to see them in flower.

Waylands reserve: is now open and in spite of it being so early in the season, the Waylands veld is well worth a visit - do get out and walk around. Massed displays of Rain daisies and Bok Baai vygies & early blue flax; still plenty of blue Pypies (Gladiolus spp). All the other Spring flowers are starting up. Lookout for a patch of the red data species Spiloxene canaliculata (orange stars) flowering early. Very pretty snotrosies (Drosera spp); tall late flax started. More and more flowers blooming at Waylands each day the sun shines.

Tienie Versfeld

Still a bit waterlogged at present. Orange arctotis (gousblom) coming along nicely; gazania; Dimorphotheca (rain daisies); arum lilies; early blue flax (heliophila). Babiana

Burgherspost Wine Estate Reserve
Pypies (Gladiolus spp.); Geelkruid (Gymnodiscus capilaris); Bobbejaantjies (Babiana spp.); Skilpadbessie (Muraltia spinosa); Proteas (P. repens; P. burchellii)
Darling Hills Road Is really a picture with large expanses of White, Yellow and Orange Daisies out in profusion.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

FLOWER SHOWS:

Name: Darling Wildflower Show
Date & Time: 14 – 16 September 2012
9am – 5 pm daily
Venue: Darling Sports Club
Admission: Adults R30 scholars R20 / Special discount for pensioners R20
ONLY on Friday
Contact detail: Enquiries 022 492 3361 info@darlingtourism.co.za
Stalls: 083 655 4237

Name: Duckitt Nurseries Orchid Show
Date & Time: 13 – 18 September 2012
Venue: Oudepost Farm
Admission: Adults R30 scholars R20 / Special discount for pensioners R20
ONLY on Thursday and Friday
Contact detail: 022 492 2606 info@duckittnurseries.com

YZERFONTEIN

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Around Schaap Island, vygies need a bright sunny day To be at their best. Best time to view will be near mid afternoon. Only way to view will be by walking. Can view flower all around in Yzerfontein. Resident's gardens colourful on sunny day . Dassen Island Drive, Bokbaai Vygies to see.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Vygies and Bokbaai Vygies, bright colors-pink, yellow, orange

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

WEST COAST PENINSULA

HOPEFIELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

In town on vacant plots
On road to Langebaanweg (R45)
From Hopefield to Velddrif on the roadside(R234 –R27)
Plaasmol (R45) 5km outside Hopefield
Gravel road between Langebaanweg and Cloeteskraal
Next to the road at the entrance of the farm Sandvlei
Road between R45 and Moorreesburg (R311)
On the farm Bontheuwel next to R45
Drive slowly along road. Flowers not all open yet.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Wit, Geel & Helder Oranje Gousblomme (daisies), Persbosse, Bitoubos, Bruin Saliebos , Pers Drumsticks, Groot plate Camel blomme, Geel Bokbaaiivygies, Arum **Lilies (along the river), Violtjies (Lachenalia), Weeskindertjies, Geel Hongerblomme, Cineraria**

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Patches –On R234 between Hopefield & Veldrifi
Fields – White & Orange Daisies in town

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FLOWER SHOWS:

Name:

Hopefield Fynboskou

Date & Time:

23-26 Augustus 2012

Venue:

Hopefield Sportklub

Admission:

Toegang by hek;

R15 Volwassenes, R12 Seniors, R5 Kinders

Contact detail:

Fiona Kotze 0227830856 (Leave message on answering machine if necessary)/ 0832862457

Lizelle Strydom 0227231720 / 0731876764

Website: www.capewestcoastpeninsula.co.za
www.hopefieldfynbos.co.za

Links: <https://www.facebook.com/HopefieldFynbos>

JACOBSBAAI

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Jacobsbaai Village & Walk along Roads /2.5KM SOUTH OF TOWN

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

bietou	Chrysanthemoides monilifera
ossierrapuis	Othonna cylindrica
soetkopdikblaar	Senecio sarcoides
bruinsalie	Salvia africana-lutia
skilpadbessiebos	Muraltia spinescens
slaaibos	Zygophyllum morgsana
geelmelkbos	Euphorbia mauritanica
hanepootharpuisbos	Euryops multifidus
sjielingbos	Zygophyllum cordifolium
siering	Oxalis pes-caprae
gousblom	Arctotis hirsuta
cape weed	Arctotheca calendula
reenblommetjies	Dimorphotheca pluvialis
strandhongerblom	Senecio maritimus
bokbaaiwygies	Dorotheanthus bellidiformis
elandsvy	Carpobrotus acinaciformis
kleinkruid	Foveolina tenella
varkoor	Zantheschia aethiopica
witslakblom	Hebenstreitia repens
grootdikblaar	Senecio aloides
weskusdaisy	Felicia elongate
berggousblom	Ursinia anthemoides
bloupypie	Gladiolus cearuleus
bobbjaantjie	Babiana ambigua

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

PS: Flowers are currently beautiful and will just become more in the next 10 days and prettier!

Flowershop OPEN from 11H00 – 16H00

LANGEBAAN

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, Spinnkopblom, 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 IS OPEN!!! TEL:- 022 772 2144

Entrance fees: R44 – South African Citizens / R88 – International Tourist per person

ST HELENA BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Along road through town:

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Douvygies (lilac);

Gewone vygie (Ruschia, lilac);
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange/red tips);
Pienk bos vygie;
Kus Malva (lilac);
Reenblommetjies (white);
Geel Suring;
Geeloog Suring (salmon);
Pers Koringblommetjies (lilac);
Kankerbos (red);
Varklelie (white);
Basterkaroo (yellow);
Gifbossie (yellow);
Blou Viooltjie (purple);
Stinkkruid / wurmbos (yellow);
Pensies (purple);
Gousblom (orange);
Bitterappels (purple);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Britannica Heights

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Top: Gewone Poproos (yellow);
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange/red tips);
Trekertjies (yellow with brown disc);
Geel Suring;
Geeloog Suring (salmon);
Blaasertjie (purple);
Bobbejaantjies (blue);
Tulp (Moraea gawleri, white);
Kattekruie (lilac);
Basterkaroo (yellow);
Bontviooltjie (Lachenalia, pers);
Lebeckia (bright yellow);
Septemberbos (purple);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

Slope: Namakwa Kool;
Reenblommetjies
Kankerbos (red-orange);
Lebeckia (bright yellow);
Pienk Bos Vygjie;
Kus Malva (lilac);
Geel Suring;
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange tips);
Snotrosie (red);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Around Da Gama monument

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Gousblom (orange); plenty
Reenblommetjies (white);
Gifblommetjies (yellow);
Piet Snot (yellow);
Kus Malva (lilac);
Namakwa Kool;
Bontviooltjie (Lachenalia, purple);
Kukumakranka;
Geeloog Suring;
Strandvygie (yellow); Veldkool;Kattekrueie;

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

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Shelley Point area

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Sorrel (yellow);
Geel Suring;
Gifbossie (yellow);
Gousblom (yellow);
Koggelmandervoet;

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

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Brittanica Bay - coastline
TYPE OF FLOWERS : Gifbossie (yellow);
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange/red tips);
Pietsnot (yellow);
Geel Suring;
Reenblomme (white);

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

Succulent & Cactus Nursery
72 Flamingo Road
St Helena Bay
Wilma Wilson 083 763 3942
westcoastcactus@gmail.com

SALDANHA

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: **SAS SALDANHA NATURE RESERVE**

Visits by prior arrangement: Contact : 082 320 0549

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

GOUSBLOM - **Fields** - Between Malgaskop and Moresonkop

- SURING - **Patches** - Lots of them next to the dirt roads
- YVIGIES - **Patches** – Behind farmhouse area also next to the road on the sea side to the lighthouse as well as in the lighthouse area.
- SPINNEKOPBLOM - **Few** - On the Dunes at Kampklossie and also along the dirt road next to the dunes.
- 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 2nd world war buildings).
- PIENK FROETANG - **Few** - Next to the dirt road at Malgaskop entering from the Academy Gate.
- SALDANHA PYPPIE - **Few** 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

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

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

PATERNOSTER

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Cape Columbine Nature Reserve

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Various types of Mesembryanthemaceae & Asteraceae, Ballota africana – Kattekruid, Carpobrotus acinaciformis – Elandsvy, Chasmanthe floribunda – Piempiemie, Chrysanthemoides monilifera – Bietou, Crassula natans – Watergras, Cynanchum africanum – Bobbejaantou, Cyphia crenata – klein Bokkies, Cysticapnos vesicarius – Klappertjie, Dikblaar, Dimorphotheca pluvialis – Reenblommetjie, Dorotheanthus bellidiformis – Bokbaai Vygie, Euphorbia burmannii – klein Steenbokbos, Ferraria crispa – Spinnekopblom, Grielum humifusum – Pietsnot, Hemimeris sabulosa – sand Geelgesiggie, Lampranthus vredenburgerensis – Vredenburg kruip Vygie, Limeum africanum – Koggelmandervoet, Limonium peregrinum – Strandroos, Lyperia triste – Traanblommetjie, Microloma Sagittatum – Bokmaellie, Namaqua Kool, Nemesia versicolor – bont Leeubekkie / Weeskindertjies, Oxalis pes-caprea – Suring / Sorrel, Pelargonium fuldigum – rooi Malva, Pharnaceum incanum – regop Sneeuwvygie, Salvia africana-lutea – strand Salie, Various Tamarak, Thesium spinosum – steek Groenbasbossie, Zaluzianskay pariflora – mini Drumsticks, Zygophyllum cordifolium – Sjielingbos, Zygophyllum morgsana – Slaaibos, Zygophyllum spinosum – Spekbos,

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

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LOCATION OF FLOWERS: On R399 between Vredenburg and Paternoster.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Carpobrotus quadrifidus (Elandsvy)
Carpobrotus edulis (Suurvy)
Arctotheca calendula (Seepampoen)
Arctotis hirsuta (Gousblom)
Dimorphoteca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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 (Kattekruid)
Gladiolus caeruleus (Saldanha Pypie)
Ornithogalum cooperi (Geldbeursie)
Lampranthus vredenburgensis (Vredenburg kruip Vygie)
Zaluzianshkyia parviflora (mini Drumsticks)
Danbeya zeyheri (Bobbjaanhoek)
Romulea elliptica (Vredenburg Froetang)
Roepera morgsana (Slymbos)
Lapeirousia jacquini (blou Koringblom)
Carpobrotus quadrifidus (Elandsvy)
Carpobrotus edulis (yellow Suurvy)
Othonna coronopifolia (sand Bobbejaankool)
Othana cylindrica (dikblaar Bobbejaankool)
Arctotheca populifolia (Seepampoen)
Arctotis hirsuta (Sout Gousblom)
Dimorphoteca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie)
Arctopus echiniatus (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 puginiformis (groot Vetkousie)
Onocosiphon africanum (Wildekamille)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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VREDENBURG

LOCATION OF FLOWERS

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

:R45 and the exits to Paternoster, Saldanha and Velddrif
:Gousblomme(Orange&Yellow), White Rain Daisy, A few Arum Lilies, Suringe

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

BERGRIVIER AREA

VELDDRIF

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Velddrif

Patches & fields throughout town. Open space bordered by Tecoma Jacaranda streets – covered in white daisies. Voortrekker road towards Piketberg – open plots with flowers – white and orange daisies and yellow surings. Church avenue – open spaces with white daisies. Pienk vyebosse in Church Avenue, yellow surings and hungerbosse and white rain daises. Rivier street in Laaiplek towards Port Owen – white daisies and yellow hungerblomme. Stephan street in Laaiplek – white daisies. Voortrekker Road in Velddrif and Laaiplek – white daisies, yellow surings and pienk vyebosse (between Douglas Widd street and Hoofstreet on your left). Some orange daisies also.

Bergrivier Golfklub – fields of white daisies

On the road to Dwarskersbos – yellow surings and hungerblomme

Drives from Velddrif – R234 from Velddrif to Hopefield – yellow and white daisies, and from the silos also shrubs like pink duinebessie/skilpadbessie

R234 to Hopefield – at Cloeteskraal turn right at the gravel road - it takes you to Langebaanweg Airforce base – spectacular fields of white and yellow daisies, some purple sporrie

Aurora

Town covered in orange & white daisies. First gravel road from Velddrif to Hopefield (road not in a

good condition), but spectacular flowers! Shrubs (Biedou & bobbejaankool with yellow flowers (high plants) covered in yellow flowers. Fields of white and orange daisies. Skilpadbessie carrying fruit now. The duinebessie starting to flower – also lovely smell.

Drives from Aurora – R399 to Sauer & Velddrif – fields of white daisies next to the road

Redelinghuys

Both sides of Olof Bergh street – fields of white and yellow daisies. In town also yellow and pink surings and bokbaaivygies

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

white daisies, yellow surings, yellow hongerblomme and orange daisies, pienk vyebosse, yellow daisies/ skilpadbessie/duinebessie/wilde kamille/purple sporrie/ bokbaaivygies

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

CEDERBERG AREA

LAMBERTS BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: In town on vacant plots. Lamberts Bay Golf Club. Main road. Dassiepoort 5km south and Panorama Park. The flowers from Graafwater to Lambertsbay on the R364 are extraordinarily beautiful. The Sishen Service road (behind the golf course) from Lamberts Bay to Elands Bay have **fields** of flowers. The colours range from orange, yellow, purple, lilac and white. The flowers from Elands Bay to Redelinghuys R366 are also beautiful and take the gravel road to Aurora for fields and fields of flowers of all types. The gravel road 5km north of Lamberts Bay to Vredendal has **fields** of flowers. Remember to drive slowly, get out of your vehicle as many of the flowers are hidden amongst the bushes which are also starting to bloom.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Kapokbossie, Soetgousblom, Wit sôe gousblom, jonkmansknoop, weeskindertjies, vingerpol, bokhorinkies, rooimalva, suring, kruidjie roer my nie, skilpadbessie, lewertjie, sandganna, pietsnot, vygies, bloupypies, rotstert & bobbejaantjies.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Patches, fields plenty – depending on area – see above

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AREND DE WAAL FLOWER ROUTE 083 354 1788 Weekends only. Book early to avoid disappointment.

CLANWILLIAM

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: N7 between Citrusdal and Clanwilliam, N7 between Clanwilliam and Klawer, Old Klawer road (gravel) from Klawer to Clanwilliam, R364 from Clanwilliam to Lambertsbaai, Ramskop Nature Garden and Vrede Oord cemetery , patches in and around the town. Boskloof road (gravel) and Ou Kaapse Weg (gravel road along the Olifants Rvier towards Citrusdal).

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Gousblom, pietsnot, oranje harpui, bokbaaivygie, Elandsvy, wit harpui, tulp, sandvygie, vygiebos, ridderspoor, hongerblom, sambreeltjies, rapuisbos, jakkalsbos, harpui, Clanwilliam madeliefie, Vaalperdebos, Perdebos

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

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FLOWER SHOWS:

Name: CLANWILLIAM WILD FLOWER SHOW

Date & Time: 23 – 29 AUGUST 2012

Venue: OLD DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH (BLOMKERK)

Admission: R30 ADULTS, R25 PENSIONERS, R5 CHILDREN

Contact detail: 027 482 2024, www.clanwilliamwildflowerfestival.co.za

CITRUSDAL

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Between Citrusdal and Clanwilliam on the N7
On the R303, on your way to Op die berg
Between Boontjiesrivier and Boschklouf
On the old Clanwilliam road towards Algeria
On both sides of the Bo-rivier road
On The Baths road

Drive slowly along the roads and remember to keep the sun at your back.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Orange daisy, yellow flowers, Cape rain daisy, reenblom, blou sporieblom, Clanwilliam harpui, pienk vyggies, skilpadbessie, perde bos, viooltjie, berg magrietjies,
Cederberg daisy, bokbaaivygie, gousblom, bokhorinkies, white daisy, blombos, purple kalkoentjie, swart kopie, white katstert, botter blom, fluweel blom, suikerkan, bergsuurkannol, spelde kusing,

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Blou Sporrie



Mengsel van sporries, reënblom (wit) en gewone daisies of magrietjies



Langs die pad op Vlakrug

Photos taken and sent in by
Mariet Smit, of Boschkloof
Farm, Citrusdal.



Reenblomme in die Bo-rivier! Lyk soos sneeu!

NAMAQUA WEST COAST

HARDEVELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

On the N7 towards Nuwerus and Bitterfontein
From Bitterfontein to Molvlei/Rietpoort
Gravel road from Landplaas towards Bitterfontein

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Namaqua Daisies / Perdeblomme / Beetle Daisies / Vygies

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

VANRHYNSDORP

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: On the N7 North of Vanrhynsdorp.
On road towards Gifberg.
Along the streets in town.
Ouberg surroundings

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Karoo Daisy / Poublommetjies (Osteospermum)
Beetle Daisy (Gorteria). Wilde malva (Pelargonium)

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

FLOWER SHOWS:

Name: Succulent Show

Date & Time: August and September 2012 Every Day 08:00 – 17:00

Venue: VANRHYNSDORP

Admission: R10.00 PP

Contact detail: 0272191062 (Brink/Amanda)

VREDENDAL, KLAWER towards LUTZVILLE, STRANDFONTEIN & DORINGBAAI

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: From Klawer along the R362 & R363 towards Vredendal.
Along the R362 from Lutzville towards Doringbaai.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Karoo Daisy / Poublommetjies (Osteospermum)
Beetle Daisy (Gorteria), Gazania's, yellow perdebos.

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

NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK

Namaqua Flowers Beach Camp

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Hi all

Rainfall, Skilpad section, Namaqua National Park:

April 2012: 13.71mm

May 2012: 14.74mm

June 2012: 86.62mm

July 2012: 35.30mm

August 2012: 66.53mm (to date)

The flowers have responded well after the recent good rains.

Pietsnot (*Grielum homifusum*), and Meidestert (*Lapeirosia* sp.) are now coming into their own. Dominant species at Skilpad is the orange daisies (*Ursinia cakifolia*), with patches of white and blue sporries. Numerous other daisy species and Gazanias is also reacting well to the rainfall.

The road from Skilpad to Soebatsfontein is very striking for the last 15 km before Soebatsfontein. Please note that you will need a high ground clearance vehicle for this road.

The flowers at the coast is spectacular for their variety, particularly close to Groen river and then all the way to Spoeg river. This section is strictly for 4x4 vehicles only!

The road to Skilpad, with the 4 km just before the park, is one of the best drives around.

It would seem that all over Namaqua there is an improvement.

The access road to Skilpad has taken a bit of a hammering with the recent rains but is drivable with normal sedan vehicles.

Kind regards

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NAMAKWA TOURISM FLOWER REPORT



NAMAKWA TOURISM FLOWER UPDATE AUGUST 2012

Dear All

We would kindly like to welcome you in our lovely floral NAMAKWA region for the 2012 flower season. Although we did not receive high rainfall figures during the past months we can proudly inform you that our daisies are already in bloom in towns like Garies and Okiep. The mountains are greener and the smell of flora is in the air during most evenings at sunset which is all characteristics of spring. We can summarize the current situation of the flowers by saying that the season is only starting now and we will keep you informed on a weekly basis. At the moment we will provide you with the rainfall figures and the recent data that we collected regarding the flowers.

We wish you all a lovely spring weekend.

a) **Springbok: Rainfall figures for 2012**

MONTH	RAINFALL FIGURES
JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	
MARCH	8
APRIL	1.3
MAY	3
JUNE	9.4
JULY	2.8
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	
TOTAL	17.8

b) **Type of flowers in bloom at the moment**

- Orange Daisies
- Yellow Piet Snot flower

HANTAM AREA

Rainfall figures


Month	Calvinia	Nieuwoudtville AWS	Loerisfontein
January	5.4	1.4	0.8
February	3.5	1.6	3.9
March	12.5	22.0	13.5
April	56.8	20.4	38.4
May	4.4	24.4	7.5
June	2.5	89.6	55.7
July	9.9	28.4	10.6
August	24.4	52.6	22.6
September			
Total	119.4	240.4	153







1. Calvinia

- **Areas where to view the flowers**
In Town, Akkerendam Nature Reserve
- **Type of flowers**
Daisies, Pietsnot, geel blomme
- **Farms (Plenty)**
Naresie (Daisies, Pers sluitel blommetjies, geel blomme)
Rietfontein (Daisies, Pietsnot)
Toren (Daisies, Gans ogies, Geel Blommetjies)
Daven (Daisies, Pers blomme, Pietsnot, geel blomme)

Calvinia Weekly Weather Forecast

- Snow on mountain tops

Date	Minimum	Maximum	Weather	Weather Definition	Wind	Rainfall Possibility
Mon 13 Aug	00°C	18°C		Frosty areas in the morning, otherwise Clear skies	light northeast in the morning, otherwise moderate	0%

					north	
Tue 14 Aug	04°C	15°C		Clear skies but 30% chance of Rain in the afternoon	moderate north	30%
Wed 15 Aug	03°C	11°C		Cloudy with a 30% chance of Light showers	moderate west	30%
Thu 16 Aug	01°C	13°C		Frosty areas in the morning, otherwise Clear skies	moderate southwest becoming moderate southeast in the afternoon	0%
Fri 17 Aug	01°C	16°C		Frosty areas in the morning, otherwise Clear skies	moderate southwest becoming moderate southeast in the afternoon	0%
Sat 18 Aug	01°C	16°C		Clear skies	moderate northwest	0%
Sun 19 Aug	04°C	15°C		Clear skies	moderate northwest	0%

2. Nieuwoudtville

- **Areas where to view the flowers**

In Town

- **Farms**

Nieuwoudtville Waterfall

Hantam National Botanical Gardens (Fields)

Matjiesfontein (Fields)

Grasberg

- **Type of flowers**

Daisies, Katsterte, Geelblomme, pers blomme, Satyn blomme, koppie en piering.

3. Loerisfontein

- **Areas where to view the flowers**

In Town

Windpomp Museum

- **Type of flowers (Fields)**

Orange gousblomme, geel blomme, pietsnot, daisies

Tips for viewing flowers.

As the flowers also face the sun, a good general principle is to travel north relatively quickly and then do most of your flower viewing in a southerly direction so that the flowers are always facing you.

- The flowers are at their best between 11:00am and 16:pm in the afternoon so there is no need to rush out straight after breakfast, (unless you have some traveling to do before you get to the flower region).
- The flowers will not come out in heavily overcast or rainy weather so you should plan to visit other sights on such days. Keep this fact in mind planning your trip.
- The displays are noticeably better if you travel with the sun behind you so that the flowers are facing you. So when planning your daily route, try to travel in a westerly direction in the morning, southerly during the day and turn east in the afternoon.
- Get out of your car and walk amongst the flowers – you will appreciate them so much more.
- The petal-like structures of daisy and vygie flowers only begin to open out once they have reached a threshold temperature, which is usually 20 °C on the coast and 17 °C on the cooler uplands.

The flowers season peaks between early August and late September and its delights depend on the winter rains. Some years are better than others. If there has been a steady flow of cold fronts during the winter, then it is likely to be a good flower season. However spring temperatures are also important. If it heats up too quickly then the early visitors have glorious sunshine but the flowers do not last very long.

The Catch 22 is that lots of rain means good flower displays. But if it continues to rain during the spring, then it's not so much fun to view the flowers!

As a general rule the wild flowers begin first in the north in Namaqualand in late July/early August and then advance southwards through Niewoudtville and the Cederberg towards the West Coast as September begins. Thus if you are planning a trip for early to mid September, you will be too late for Namaqualand but fine for the West Coast around Darling and Langebaan. Similarly if you are coming in mid August then the best displays will be further north – generally speaking...