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WEST COAST FLOWER REPORT - 2014

(Updated 04/09/2014)



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www.windguru.com

www.fallingrain.com

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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.ahaleofaheritageroute.co.za/westcoast_whalesightingsreport.pdf !!!

NAMAQUA WEST COAST AREA

HARDEVELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Brand se Baai pad, Meerhofkasteel pad

TYPE OF FLOWERS

Geel en pienk vygies,

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

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Wandering Whale Labyrinth, Doringbaai

TYPE OF FLOWERS

daisies, gazanias, pelagonias



STRANDFONTEIN

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

VANRHYNSDORP

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Kobee en Loskop pad, Knersvlakte

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

vygies, kurktrekkertjies, knopies



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

(Matjiesfontein en Papkuilsfontein)

Best flowers can be seen in the Niewoudtville area

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Bolplante, katsterte, aandblomme, daisies, spogfluweeltjies

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

CEDERBERG AREA

CLANWILLIAM

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: RAMSKOP NATURE GARDEN, N7, R364 TOWARDS LAMBERTSBAY, r364 HOEK SE BERG ON YOUR WAY TO BIEDOUW VALLEY, BIEDOUW VALLEY, NARDOUWSBERG

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

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
<u>Contact detail:</u>	027 482 2024 – cederberg@lando.co.za www.clanwilliamwildflowerfestival.co.za

CITRUSDAL

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Boschkloof farm, N7 towards Clanwilliam, R303, Marcuskraal road, Tierhoek Farm, Burtons Farm on The Baths road, Cederberg Cottage towards Cederberg Wilderness.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Mostly Daisies (White & yellow)

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

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BERGRIVIER AREA

VELDDRIF

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Op al die leë erwe in die dorp. Tussen Velddrif en Laaiplek. Port Owen oppad Laaiplek toe. Vanaf Velddrif oppad Vredenburg toe op die skouer van die pad. Oppad Dwarskersbos en Elandsbaai. Op Piketbergpad vanaf Velddrif. Bergrivier Golfklub en omliggende oop stukke grond. Aurora en omliggende area. Vanaf Velddrif op R27. Oorkant die eerste Aurora afdraai.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Aronskelke, Namakwakool, Biedouw, Vyebossie, Gansogies, Geel Bobbejaankool, Geel Hongerblom, Geel Langbeensuring, Wit Madeliefies, Wilde Kamille, Bont Viooltjie, Blou Salie, Wit Jonkmansknoop, Weeskindertjies, Oranje Magrietjies, Oranje Gousblom, Soetbobbejaantjies, Witkoppies, Flaks, Sporrie, Steenboksuring, Nemesias, Soetgousblom, Poprosies, Vergeet-my-nie, Rooi Salie, Trekkertjies, Duinebessie, Bont Viooltjie, Kattekruie, Wilde tabakblom, Sandgeelgesiggie, Feëklokkies, Pers poproos, Steenbokmelkbos, Saldanhahoringkie, Groen kalkoentjie, Balsaminie, Stinkkruid, Kinkelbossie, Duikerwortel, Pietsnot, Tulpe, Varkslaai, Elandsveye, Pienk-Spekvygie

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
 R234 Between Hopefield and Veldrif. (Drive from Veldrif to
 Hopefield

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Wit Reënblommetjies (Daisies), Oranje Gousblomme, Arum Lillies (Varkore), Geel Bobbejaantjie, Rotsstert, Poprosie, Speldekussing, Viooltjie, Geel Klapperbrak, Restios, Pienk Suring, Men in boat (Patrysbloem), Platdoring, Kapokbossie, Drumsticks, Krimpvarkie (Hedgehog lilly), Wit Babiana, Blou Uintjie, Rooi Salie, Blou Koringblom, Blou Pypie, Blou Afrikaner

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Plenty** of Arum lilies along Zout River

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: **Jacobsbaai**

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Bietou	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>
Soetkop dikblaar	<i>Senecio sarcoides</i>
Ossierrapuis	<i>Crassothonna cylindrica</i>
Hongerblom	<i>Senecio maritimus</i>
Reenblommetjies	<i>Dimorphotheca pluvialis</i>
Gousblomme	<i>Arctotis hirsuta</i>
Varkoor	<i>Zantheschia aethiopica</i>
Calendula	<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>
Suring	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>
Bokbaaiwygie	<i>Dorotheanthus bellidoformis</i>
Weskusdaisy	<i>Felicia elongata</i>
Elandswygie	<i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i>
Blou pypie	<i>Gladiolus caeruleus</i>
Sambreeltjies	<i>Felicia tenella</i>
Strandsewejaartjies	<i>Helichrysum revolutum</i>
Berggousblom	<i>Ursinia anthemoides</i>
Perskussinkie	<i>Lampranthus vernalis</i>
Persdouwvygie	<i>Drosanthenum floribundum</i>
Jakkalsbos	<i>Castalis tragus</i>
Stinkkruid	<i>Oncosiphon suffruticosum</i>
Persdouwvygie	<i>Drosanthenum floribundum</i>

Varkoor



Bietou



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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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, Orange)

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Langebaan Town / Langebaan Country Estate

Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White), Geelhongerblomme
: Gousblommetjies, Blue Flax/ Sporrie Suring/Sorrel(Yellow&Pink)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Langebaan Gate to Seeberg Hide

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

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Langebaan Town / Langebaan Country Estate

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

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 Rosete),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 Vygjie(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, Blouppyie,
: Lewertjies, Sterretjie, wit daisies, Froetang, Pers Hongerblom,
: Bokbaai Vygjie,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)***

SALDANHA

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: SAS SALDANHA NATURE RESERVE

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

Wilde Malva



Pienk Froetang



Gousblom	FIELDS	Between Malgaskop and Moresonkop
Common Sorrel (Geelsuring)	PATCHES	Lots of them next to most the dirt roads
Piempiepie	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	PATCHES	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.
Spider Lilley (Spinnekopblom)	ONE-ONE	Down the road in front of shooting range, behind dunes on the way to Kampklossie. In brandewyn baai on pedestrian walk way next to the sea to Rauch's cottage.
Common Babiana	ONE-ONE	Next to the road behind dunes at Kampklossie
Yellow eyed Sorrel (Geeloorsuring)	PATCHES	Most is next to the dirt roads in the area.
September Bush		On the Rocky slopes of Baviaansberg.
Brown Sage (Bruinsalie)		Most areas close to the sea.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / **Few**

PATERNOSTER

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

On smallholding Pelgrimsrust just before Paternoster
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)
Dimorphotega 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)

Slymbos



Geldbeursie



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Fields / **Plenty** / Patches / Few

Bekbaai

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:

Klein Paternoster

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Oxalis pes-caprae (geel Suring)
Dimorphotheca Pluvialis (White Rain Daisy)

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

ST HELENA BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Da Gama Monument

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Oxalis pes-caprae (Suring) patches
Dimorphotheca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie) small patches
Chrysanthemoides monilifera (Bitou) now have berries
Pink mesemb/vygie, creeper, small patches
Hermannia sp (Poproos) few
Euphorbia burmannii (Steenbokbos) plenty
Euphorbia cap-medusa, few
Grielum humifusum (Pietsnot) patches
Arctotis hirsuta (Gousblom) patches
Lachanalia sp, few flowers left
Felicia sp, patches
Oncosiphon suffruticosum (Stinkkruid) plenty
Senecio arenarius (Hongerblom) few

Stinkkruid



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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SWARTLAND AREA

DARLING

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

see the 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**

Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve – farm road thro reserve R307 Darling – Mamre – in front of Duckitt Nursery); the gate may be closed over weekends but visitors may drive in to

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 the veld is very wet and they may get stuck. **No buses.**

Along the roadsides to Mamre – pyjama bushes flowering
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

Visitors should 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*. Beautiful white *Spiloxene*. There are also the skiladbessie bushes *Muraltia macropetala*, kapokbush *Eriocephalus africanus*, and 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

Beautiful with a variety of bulb species coming through

Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve: masses of Blue Flax and white rain daisies with a variety of other species coming up between; *rysblommetjie* (*wurmbea*) flowering in the dam.

Burgherspost Small patches of rain daisies; scattered *Babiana ringens* (rotstert/rat's tail); A patch of the rare *Babiana pygmaea* (geelbobbejaantjie)

Groote Post and Darling Hills Road: The *Zantedeschia aethiopica* (arums) are in full bloom on the Darling Hills road. A variety of other veld flowers are definitely more visible including oxalis and white raindaisies. Colourful displays of orange white

and purple from gate to the tasting room.

Waylands: It has suddenly erupted into spring. There are a few *Kelkiewyns* out, and even some *G. euristigma* (*kelkiewyn*), which is really astonishing as this is very early for them. There are, of course, lots of *Drosera* (Snotrosie) as well as the beautiful big white Star (*Poublom*). The veld is still at its early stages, but is very pretty as the predominantly yellow flowers are all out in profusion.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

Name:

97th annual Darling Wildflower Show

Date & Time:

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

Venue:

Darling Sports Club

Admission:

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

Contact detail:

084 916 1111 www.darlingwildflowers.co.za

Name:

"2014 ORCHID FAIR"

Date & Time:

19 - 21 September (Friday to Sunday only!)
Time: from 10am-5pm daily;

Venue:

@ Duckitt Nurseries (not at Oudepost Farm!)

Admission:

Entrance Fee: R10 Adults & R5 Scholars, R5 Pensioners

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YZERFONTEIN

The Bokbaaivygie trail is currently full of colour.

A variety of colours can be seen. The route is currently the best location to view bokbaaivygies.

Remember to wear a hat and a small snack to enjoy on the trail.

All of Yzerfontein has sprung with colour following the recent warm days we have had.

The Bokbaai vygie trail is now open earlier to the public as there are plenty of colours to be seen. Any visitors to the bokbaai vygie trail must please note to close the gate when entering or leaving the trail as there are wild ostriches that roam between the fields. Babianas are in abundance on the Bokbaai vygie trail this year, something not regularly seen.

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Bokbaaivygies have been found on Atlantic Drive.

Purple Babianas are found at Swemgat on Dassen Island drive. A map of Yzerfontein can be received at the Tourism office.

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.

White rain daises have made their debut as you head to Yzerfontein on the R315 near the De la Rey farm.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Gousblomme, purple and yellow cigarette vygies.

Daisies (White)

Babianas (Purple)

Bokbaaivygies (orange)

Arum lilies

Cinerarias (yellow)

“Bosvygies” (Purple)

Elandsvygies

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)

Photos below taken at the Bokbaaivygie route/trail



NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK



Hi all

Attach please find some photos taken today (30 Aug 2014)

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

August 2014: 25.39mm (to date)

We have had a fairly long dry spell, and then some good rains over the past two days. Today there is a very strong, warm easterly wind blowing, which may affect the flowers negatively if it keeps going. Flower coverage is still the same as a week ago and quite spectacular. Pietsnot (*Grielum humifusum*) is still very prominent, more so than previous years. Skilpad is covered in orange Namaqua daisy carpets, but they will probably start to go down a bit with the warm winds. Varkiesknol (*Conicosia*); Senecios, Gazanias, Bokhoringkies, Malvas and Sporries (*Heliophila* sp) are now at their peak. If you walk the hiking trails you will notice a multitude of other different species.

The coastal flowers are still very good with the usual variety of vygies and daisies. This is one of the best years we have seen on the parks' coast for flowers. Please note that the coast is only accessible for 4x4 vehicles.

The best is to ask around when you are in the area to find out where the best spots are- there are now basically good flowers all over Namaqua. Please note that I can only speak with authority on the park itself and close surrounds with regard to where the flowers are.

Skilpad is accessible with a normal sedan vehicle but a high ground clearance vehicle is needed for the remainder of the park.

Kind regards

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