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WEST COAST FLOWER REPORT - 2014

(Updated 08/09/2014)



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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.awhaleofaheritageroute.co.za/westcoast_whalesightingsreport.pdf !!!

NAMAQUA WEST COAST AREA

HARDEVELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Brand se Baai pad, Meerhofkasteel pad, Kotzesrus

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

VANRHYNSDORP

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Kobee en Loskop pad, Knersvlakte, Maskam Guest farm

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

vygies, kurktrekkertjies, knopies



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / **Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Best flowers can be seen in the Niewoudville area (Matjiesfontein en Papkuilsfontein)

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Bolplante, katsterte, aandblomme, daisies, spogfluweeltjies

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / **Patches** / Few

CEDERBERG AREA

CLANWILLIAM

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: RAMSKOP NATURE GARDEN, NARDOUWSBERG

TYPE OF FLOWERS: KALKOENTJIES, CLANWILLIAM DAISIES, KATSTERTE, VYGIES

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 Laaipek. Port Owen oppad Laaipek 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, Sporrrie, 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, Elandsvyie, Pienk-Spekvygie

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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SALDANHA AREA

JACOBSBAAI

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

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



Arctotheca calendula/ Calendula

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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,



Eendekos



Bloukappie

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

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Strand Sallie(Brown Flower),Harpuisbos/Euryops(Yellow

Flower), Restio/Riet (Brown Flower), Blombos (White Flower), Geelmeikbos (Yellow Rosette).

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

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Road to Geelbek and Kraalbaai

Type of Flowers : Bietou (Yellow Flower), Blombos (White Flower), Geelmeikbos (Yellow Rosette), 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, Spinnepokblom, Elandsvy, : Reenblommetjie, Slang Tamarak, Bobbejaankool, Bloupypie, : 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)***

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 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)
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)

Sand Viooltjie



Kankerbos



HOW MANY FLOWERS:

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Fields / **Plenty** / Patches / Few

Bekbaai

Dimorphotega 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:
TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Klein Paternoster
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

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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, Geranium incanum, Pelargonium hirtum, Cotula turbinata, Arctotis stoechadi Folia, Athanasia rugulosa, Empodium Veratrifolium

Pelargonium hirtum



Empodium Veratrifolium



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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**

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

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);
Darling Groenekloof Reserve (R315 alongside the SPCA)

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

This reserve is now good to walk through 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), Ixia scillaris (Agretjies), the creeping pink vygie Lampranthus filicaulis 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.

Tienie Versfeld Reserve: Starting to look up with a lot of spiloxene, white drosera and morea.

Darling Groenekloof Reserve: Thousands of lachenalia – a sight to behold.

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
Contact detail: tel: 022 492 2606 fax: 022 492 2353
Email: info@duckittnurseries.com www.duckittnurseries.com

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.

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. Yellow honger blomme, purple vygies and purple cinerarias can be found on Dassen Island drive.

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)



NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK



Hi all

Attach please find some photos taken today (05 September 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
September 2014: 0.00 (to date)

After the rains on 27, 28 August we experienced very strong, warm easterly winds, followed by some very hot days. This has affected the flowers quite a lot and the orange carpets (*Ursinia*) in particular are slowly dying off. However, Varkiesknol (*Conicosia*) are now at their peak, while Senecios, Gazanias, Malvas and a variety of other flowers are prominent. The park is still well worth a visit, particularly if you walk the hiking trails at Skilpad.

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 there are still flowers to be seen. 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. The road to Skilpad is bumpy but drivable.

Kind regards

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Pictures taken at Skilpad on 5 September 2014:

