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## WEST COAST FLOWER REPORT - 2013

(Updated 22/08/2013)



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[www.yr.no](http://www.yr.no)

[www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)

[www.windguru.com](http://www.windguru.com)

[www.fallingrain.com](http://www.fallingrain.com)

[www.weathersa.co.za](http://www.weathersa.co.za)

[www.windfinder.com](http://www.windfinder.com)



## MATZIKAMA AREA

### LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

#### **Vanrhynsdorp**

Urionskraal pad, Gifberg en Kobee pad, Waterval

#### **Koekenaap, Bitterfontein area**

Op die grondpad na Landplaas en die plaas Koeelfontein,

#### **Klawer & Vredendal**

Tussen Klawer en Vredendal (R362) en dan die R363.

#### **Lutzville, Doringbaai en Strandfontein**

Op die R362 vanaf Lutzville na Doringbaai.

Strandfontein omgewing en die roete na die cliffs op Strandfontein.

In an hour and a half walk from 11am to 12.30 pm. You can leave your car by the Strandfontein Saal and see it all. Follow the telephone polls that are marked by a hiker down through Die Hel and up the other side on the road; or the footpath that veers to the middle up the stony face. Up on the hill take the dirt road to the right. There are bushman graves amidst flowers, and 25 m on the Fryers Cove eco Garden and Wandering Whale Labyrinth. The whales are here and soon to calf.

OR the road between Strandfontein and Doringbaai as you come up the dip to the right is a gate that is signposted. Turn off and leave your car and walk directly to the sea. Take the split to the right and keep walking to the sea.

At the Garden follow the footpaths along the coast and be in awe of the rich colours and smells that surround you. There are at least 20 different species of Flora to identify. Come and Find Yourself on the Matzikama stretch of Coast.

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Gousblomme, Bokhorings, haarbos, geldjiebos, pers vygie bosse, gazanias, geel perdebosse, daisies, noordkykers en verskeidenheid vetplantspesies, botterblomme, pers sporries. Harpuijsbosse, sandviooltjies en skilpadbosse.

Spring is in the Air and the veld alive with Life. From purple vygies to yellow daisy bushes and bright orange gazanias, with white flowers and bright lemon colours of bottorbome. The wild pelagonias of rich velvet reds and fuchsia pinks are in bloom!!

The meerkats and tortoises are out for a stroll and also the odd "skaap steeker slang " and puff adder.

The Sacred Ibis, kestrels and Egyptian Geese are chattering all the different "brown jobs" are tweeting, wagtails and bokmakeries and muisvoels eating, the bushbuck have just had babies, and the bees are in heaven.

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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

**FLOWER SHOWS:**

**Name:** Succulent Show

**Venue:** Succulent Nursery

**Time:** 08:00 till 17:00 (open during lunch)

**Admission:** R10.00 per person



**Flower Route on Maskam Guest Farm**

**KNERSVLAKTE**

*(southern part of Namaqualand – from Bitterfontein southwards to just south of Klawer – main center north & northwest of Vanrhynsdorp)*

Unlike the rest of Namaqualand this area is not famous for its daisies and other annuals, but for the hundreds of succulent and vygie species found in the quartzfields and surrounding vygieveld. Flowering from early autumn through to spring, these miniatures and creepers are best appreciated on foot.

Exceptionally good rains during autumn and early winter, makes for a particularly good succulent season this year.



### **LOCATION OF FLOWERING SUCCULENTS & VYGIES:**

North and northwest of Vanrhynsdorp flowering vygies visible from the N7 – unfortunately few privately owned land allows access to quartzfields and vygieveld where flowering succulents can be viewed. Best known locations with access to succulent quartzfields are Quaggaskop Farm (enquire at the farm office of the **KNERSVLAKTE SPENS** next to the N7) and Ratelgat (phone Jan Josephs 079 432 5399 for a prior booking)

### **TYPE OF FLOWERS/ VYGIES AND SUCCULENTS IN BLOOM:**

Hongerblom, Perdeblom, Skaapvygie, Perdevygie, Kussingvygie, Muisvygie, Geelvingerkanna, Geel & Pienk rankvygie, Krapogie, Bobbejaanvinger, Koesnaatjie, Sentkannetjie

### **FLOWER / VYGIE & SUCCULENT HIKING TRAILS:**

**Name:** **Jan Smuts Succulent Hiking Trail at Quaggaskop Farm** - gives visitors access to a particularly specie rich part of the farm where hikers are allowed to explore the succulent rich quartz fields and adjacent vygieveld

**Location:** 27 km north of Vanrhynsdorp just off the N7 – follow signage to the farm shop **KNERSVLAKTE SPENS** at Quaggaskop Farm

**Admission:** visitors are welcome throughout the week from 09h00 to 17h00. Fee of R30 per person charged, which includes a Knersvlakte Succulent ID Guide

**Contact details:** [bwc.wiese@gmail.com](mailto:bwc.wiese@gmail.com) or contact Buys Wiese 082 829 8669 / Christine Visser 076 391 4700

**Name:** **Ratelgat Hiking Trail**

**Location:** 32km north of Vanrhynsdorp just off the N7

**Admission:** by prior arrangement only

**Contact details:** Phone Jan Josephs at 079 432 5399 for trail bookings

## **CEDERBERG AREA**

### **CLANWILLIAM**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** N7 both north and south (Fields/Plenty), Ramskop Nature Garden (Plenty), Biedouw Valley (Plenty), Ou Kaapse Weg (Plenty) , R364 towards Lambertsbaai (Plenty & Patches), Vrede Oord cemetery (Fields), Khoisan Kitchen on the R364 towards

Wupperthal (plenty) go ask them for directions to the best flowers, while on that road you can carry on over Nardouwsberg (gravel) back to Clanwilliam, there is also plenty of flowers on that route.

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Bokbaaivygie, Elandsvy, Vygiebos, Ridderspoor, Pietsnotjies, Hongerblom, Haarbos, Wit-soe, Gousblom, Bottergousblom, Daisies, sporrie

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:** **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**  
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**FLOWER SHOWS:**  
**Name:** Clanwilliam Wild Flower Show  
**Date & Time:** 29 August till 8 September, daily from 09:00 till 18:00  
**Venue:** Old Dutch Reformed Church (Flower Church)  
**Admission:** R30 per adult, R25 per pensioner, R5 per child  
**Contact detail:** [cederberg@lando.co.za](mailto:cederberg@lando.co.za) or 027 482 2024

**Ramskop Nature Garden**  
**Admission:** R20 per adult, R14.50 per pensioner, R7.20 per child

## **CITRUSDAL**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** N7 towards Clanwilliam, Hexrivier road towards Algeria, Cederberg Cotaggas at Algeria turn off 022 921 3209, Marcuskraal road, The Baths road, Bo-rivier road, R303 towards Op die berg, from Vlakrug to Boschkloof farm 022 921 3533.

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Namakwa daisies, white daisies, Harpius, Skilpadbessiebos, Vark blomme, Bolplante

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:** **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**  
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## **BERGRIVIER AREA**

### **VELDDRIF**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** The empty plots in town. Voortrekker rd towards Piketberg. Voortekker rd towards Laaiplek. On your way to and at the Bergrivier Gholfclub. Smitlaan in Velddrif. On road (R399) from Velddrif to Piketberg. Rd from Velddrif to Vredenburg



Aurora: On (R399) towards Aurora turn-off, on side of the road and all around the village , on plots and sidewalks and on the sides of roads approaching the village.  
Dwarskersbos in Main road and along beach. Past Dwarskersbos on the coastal rd towards Elandsbay.

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Geel surings, wit reënblomme, oranje daisies, white daisies, geel kruip vygie, strandvygie, slaaibos, slangbos , vygiebosse, (pienk) wit madeliefies, rooi viooltjies, biedouboosse (goudgeel) , hanekam, bobbejaankool, ossiebossie, kamille, duikerwortel, suurvye, kruipvygie, soetgousblom,drumsticks,bont viooltjie, wille roosmaryn, langbeen vygie, slakblom, veldkool, jonkmansknoop, feëklokkies, duinebessie, poproos, verkousies, bokbaai vygies, koringblommetjies.

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

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## **SALDANHA AREA**

### **HOPEFIELD**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

In town on vacant plots  
Next to Soutriver in town  
On road to Langebaanweg (R45)  
1st 25km from Hopefield to Velddrif on the roadside(R234) Drive carefully road full of potholes  
Next to roadside from Bloemendal farm to 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

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Wit Reënblommetjies (Daisies), Oranje Gousblomme, Arum Lilly (Varkblom), Surings, Nylandtia Scoparia - Duinebessie (Persbosse), Nylandtia Spinosa - Skilpadbessie, Bietoubos, Geel en Pers Hongerblom, Veldkool, Suikerkanne, Blombos, Babiana ringens (Rotstert), Restios/Riete, Weeskinders, Drumsticks, Camel, Ligte blou Sandpypie in rietpolle, Duikerwortel, Melkbos

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

**Still few flowers with fields of white and orange daisies**

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**FLOWER SHOWS:**

**Name:** Hopefield Fynbos Show

**Date & Time:** 29 August to 1 September 2013  
09h00-17h00 (Beergarden open till 22h00)  
**Venue:** Hopefield Sportgrounds, Ou Koperfonteinway 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

## **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 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 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 IS OPEN!!! TEL:- 022 772 2144**
- **Entrance fees: R48- South African Citizens, Kids Half Price**
- **R96- International Tourist per person**

**Open week 9-13 September FREE entry for South African Citizens (Bring ID Book**

## **PATERNOSTER**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** Cape Columbine Nature Reserve

**TYPE OF FLOWERS - Important Note:**

Various pink vygies and various types of daisy. Lebeckia sericea, Wiborgia, Pennypod, Oxalis obtusa, Geelogsuring

Sour Fig/Suurvy, Hemimeris sabulosa – Geelgesiggie, Trachyandra – Veldkool, Trachyandra ciliate, Various Gousblom, Leeubekkie / Weeskindertjies, Lamiaceae - Salvia lanceolata – Rooisalie, Salvia africana-lutea - Bruinsalie/Strandsalie, Roepera flexuosa – Maarbos, Pelargonium fulgidum – Rooimalva, Dimorphotheca pluvialis – Reenblommetjie, Dorotheanthus bellidiformis – Bokbaai Vygie, Senecio abruptus, Basterhongerblom, Ballota africana – Kattekruid, Tetragonia fruticosa – Kinkelbossie, Osteospermum moniliferum - (Daisy Family), Bietou

Euphorbia burmannii - Steenbokmelkbos/Soetmelkbos, Oxalis pes-caprea, Geelsuring, Spiloxene serrata, Sterretjie

Babiana nana, Lachenalia pustulata, Melaspherula ramosa - Fairy Bells, Cysticapnos vesicaria - Klappertjies

Cynanchum africanum – Bobbejaantou, Anagallis arvensis – Blouselblommetjie or scarlet pimperl (alien)

Thesium spinosum – steek Groenbasbossie, Hermannia - Doll's Rose/Poprosies, Indigofera procumbens - Lewertjie

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

Varies in flower types from **PLENTRY to PATCHES to FEW.**

Overall PLENTY yellow, white and pink while driving.

While walking sloooooowwwly with the intention to observe and SEE - much will be seen.

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** Pelgrumsrust (On the road between Paternoster & Vredenburg)

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Carpobrotus quadrifidus (Elandsvy)

Carpobrotus edulis (Suurvy)

Arctotheca calendula (Seepampoen)

Arctotis hirsuta (Gousblom)

Dimorphoteca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie)

Foveolina Tenella (Veld Cineraria)

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

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** Bekbaai Area

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Dimorphotheca Pluvialis (White rain Daisy)

Foveolina Tenella (Veld Cineraria)

Oxalis Compressa (baster Suring)

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

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** Visvanger Street on an open field

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Dimorphotheca Pluvialis (White rain daisy)

Foveolina Tenella (Veld Cineraria)

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

## **VREDENBURG**

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

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Gousblomme (Orange & Yellow), White Rain Daisy, A few Arum Lillies, Surings

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

## **ST HELENA BAY**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** On road into and through St Helena Bay, vacant land in the village. Hills behind the village well covered after a week of rain

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Geelsuring (Oxalis pes-caprae) plenty

Gifbossie (Senecio burchellii) plenty

Bietou (Osteospermum moniliferum)

Poproos (Hermannia scabra)

Reënblommetjies (Dimorphotheca pluvialis)

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

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**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

**ON ROAD TO STOMPNEUSBAAI, SIDE OF ROAD**

Geelsuring (*Oxalis pes-caprae*) plenty  
Gifbossie (*Senecio burchellii*) plenty  
Bietou (*Osteospermum moniliferum*)  
Poproos (*Hermannia scabra*)  
Also *Hermannia trifurca*  
Reënblommetjies (*Dimorphotheca pluvialis*)  
Kankerbos (*Lessertia frutescens*) few

**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

**DA GAMA MONUMENT, STOMPNEUS BAAI**

Geelsuring (*Oxalis pes caprae*)  
Gifbossie (*Senecio burchellii*)  
Reënblommetjies (*Dimorphotheca pluvialis*)  
Poproos (*Hermannia scabra*)  
*Hermannia trifurca*  
Gousblom (*Arctotis hirsuta*, possibly *acaulis*)  
Steenbokbos (*Euphorbia burmannii*)  
Namakwa kool (*Trachyandra falcata*)  
Pietsnot (*Grielum humifusum*)  
Sandsteenvygie (*Oscularia*)  
Pers viooltjie (*Lachenalia pallida*) patches  
Malva (*pelargonium* species, not sure which)  
Mini drumsticks (*Zaluzianskya parviflora*)  
Bont leebekkie (*Nemesia affinis*)  
Bobbejaanboek (*Massonia depressa*)

**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

**HILLS BEHIND STOMPNEUS VILLAGE**

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Geelsuring, Gifbossie, Reënblommetjies, Gousblom (few)

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

**SHELLEY POINT (sea side of Oystercatcher Lodge and apartments, and on road to Oystercatcher Lodge)  
Between new entrance gate and hotel, and on vacant land throughout the development**

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Geelsuring, Gifbossie, Bietou, Duikerwortel, Sandviooltjie  
Kattekruiie (*Ballota Africana*)  
Duine vingertjies (*Manulea tomentosa*)

Lazy daisy/wild chamomile(Foveolina tenella)  
Slaaibos (Roepera morgsana)  
Drumsticks (Zaluzianskya villosa) few  
Capnophyllum africanum

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

**BRITANNIA BAY (walk round rocky point to the west of the slipway)**

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Geelsuring, Gifbossie, Bietou, Duikerwortel, Kattekruie  
Strandvygie (Jordaaniella dubia)  
Cape Gorse (Aspalathus)

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:**

**BRITANNICA HEIGHTS**

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:**

Swathes of white, yellow and purple flowers these being

- White gousblomme
- Yellow (what I think is) gifbossies (Senecio burchellii)
- Purple bos vygie (Ruschia macowanii)

There are still a few here and there on the hill of:

- Kapokbossies (Eriocephalus africanus)
- Gewone poproos (Hermmannia scabra)
- Soet houtbossie (Rafnia angulate)

For these you will need to get out of your cars and do a bit of foraging:

- Lewertjie (Indigofera procumbens)
- Vredenburg froetang (Romulea elliptica)
- Bokmaellie (Microloma sagittatum)
- Various viooltjies
- Botterblom (Sparaxis bulbifera)
- Geellog suring (Oxalis obtuse)
- Geel kwassie (Bulbine annua)
- Klein kattekruie (Stachys aethiopica)
- Blou bekkie (Nemesia barbata - purple)
- Gankos (Cotula turbinata – yellow)
- The Elandsvy (Carpobrotus acinaciformis) are still flowering in domestic gardens

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

## Saldanha

### SAS SALDANHA NATURE RESERVE

#### 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  
VYGIES - **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. Some must still flower.  
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<sup>nd</sup> world war buildings.  
PIENK FROETANG - **Few** - Next to the dirt road at Malgaskop entering from the Academy Gate.  
SALDANHA PYPIE - **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

## JACOBSBAAI

#### TYPE OF FLOWERS

Reenblommetjies:

Geelsuring

Bietou

Bruinsalie

Soet gousblom

Oranje gousblom

Osierrapuis

Soetkopdikblaar

Grootdikblaar

Berggousblom

Strandhongerblomme

Elandsvy

Geelsandvygie

40 mm reen gehad en veld sal pragtig wees tot einde Aug

#### 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) This reserve has been cut around the edges and one can more easily view what is growing. Although visitors can enter the reserve and continue uphill if they so wish, the lower slopes are more interesting: on entering the reserve turn right and continue downhill, walk into the bush a bit deeper and follow the reserve down to the bottom – the beautiful white Spiloxene is to be found here in abundance; **also on the plot just below this reserve on Petunia Street**

**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);  
- currently very wet/flooded in parts.

**Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve – Please note reserve closed due to road washing away**

**Along the roadside reserves R307 from Mamre**

**Groote Post wine farm** on Darling Hills Road – besides winetasting/restaurant visitors can also walk in the veld to view the wildflowers

## TYPE OF FLOWERS:

**Darling Renosterveld Reserve:** This reserve is absolutely glorious with Spiloxene capensis in quantities not seen before. The renosterveld is so alive, with lots of the Babiana melanops ex stricta, Romulea, Acrosanthes, Vygies, a few Laperousia, Gladiolus alatus have started, the Moraea tripetala still around, Sparaxis also, few Lotononis hidden under the bushes; the delicate Snotrosie, i.e. Drosera in pale mauve, Pelargoniums beginning to surface. Gousbloem, rain daisies, other Asteraceas, Arums, Lachenalias etc.

**Plot below Renosterveld:** Hesperanta, Oxalis, Gousblom, Acrosanthes, Spiloxene (yellow one), Indigofera, Arums, Vygies, Lachenalia, Trachyandra, Muraltia, Homeria flaccida, Rain Daisies, Microloma, Hermannia, the first Ixia Scillarisa (pink) plus Laperousia, yellow Lotononis, and magenta Romulea – Gladiolus gracilis have gone over, Euphorbia burmanii are coming along – plus a couple of tortoises probably enjoying a feast. Moraea tricolour and also first Moraea tripetala

**Darling Groenekloof Reserve:** masses of lachenalia along the roadside fence; also lovely display of struthiola. Other plants spotted: Cotula (yellow buttons and white), oxalis; Dimorphotheca pluvialis (rain daisies); gousblom; bright magenta Aizoon (spekvygie) covering the floor of the veld; Hermannia (poproos); asparagus; roepera Moraea galaxia; vygies and ruschia; yellow tetragonia;

Homeria (Moraea); Chlorophytum; indigofera; Lampranthus filicaulus (vygie) Pelargonium rapace; Erioccephalus flowering and in its woolly state; Muraltia – beautiful magenta colour and an endangered species; Microloma Drosera  
 A wonderful show of spiloxene Capensis plus Wachendorphia, Drosera (snotrosie) Gladiolus alatis and chinks starting;  
 Moraea tricolour showing  
 Leaves: Haemanthus, Brunsvigia, Asteraceae aplenty, Ferreria crispa, Babiana, Chinks (Orthinagalum), and many more thus plenty flora on the way.

**Groote Post:** white rain daisies; orange gousblomme; bloupypies; pink oxalis and much more coming along nicely.

**HOW MANY FLOWERS:**

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

**Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

**FLOWER SHOWS:**

**Name:** **96<sup>th</sup> Annual Darling Wildflower Show**  
**Date & Time:** 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013  
 9am - 5pm  
**Venue:** Darling Sports Club  
**Admission:** Adults R30  
 Children (under 18) R20  
 Children (under 13) free  
 Pensioners (Friday only) R20  
**Contact detail:** 084 916 1111 [darlingwfs@telkomsa.net](mailto:darlingwfs@telkomsa.net)  
[www.darlingwildflowers.co.za](http://www.darlingwildflowers.co.za)

**Name:** **2013 Duckitt Nurseries Orchid Fair**  
**Date & Time:** 20 - 22 September 2013  
 9 am – 5pm  
**Venue:** Duckitt Nurseries, Darling (follow banners)  
**Admission:** R20 Adults, R10 Seniors (Fri only) R10 scholars  
**Contact detail:** 022 492 2606 or [www.duckittnurseries.com](http://www.duckittnurseries.com)

**Wildflower Meander**

Darling Flora group takes walks in the reserves in and around Darling & Yzerfontein on the first Wednesday and last Thursday of each month. For more details – Maggie 022 492 2855.  
 The group explore the reserves for whatever is flowering that day, also to find anything new and to discuss anything botanical. These are gentle walks so anyone is welcome to join.

**YZERFONTEIN**

**LOCATION OF FLOWERS:** All around in Yzerfontein flowers are blooming. Gousblomme, kus gousblomme and Yellow wild chamomile can be seen at different spots in Yzerfontein. Wild Chamomile can be seen at the Yzerfontein community Hall on outer road, orange gousblomme



can be seen on the island across the Dutch reformed Church also on outer road. Patches of Bokbaai vygies can be seen on Atlantic drive (left-hand side of road).

**TYPE OF FLOWERS:** Bokbaai vygies  
Wild Chamomile Yellow and Purple (Hongerblom, geel en pers)  
Arum Lilies (vark oor blom)

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

**Flower walks between Darling and Yzerfontein still take place weather permitted. If you would like to be involved in one of these walks please contact Libbes Loubser at 072 659 6269. The next scheduled walk will take place on the first Wednesday of September. Please give Libbes a ring to confirm walk.**

**Remember that for the month of September the Bokbaaivygie trail will be open to the public.**

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Hi all

Rainfall, Skilpad section, Namaqua National Park:

March 2013: 38.09mm (most of it on 29-31 March)  
April 2013: 46.74mm  
May 2013: 12.69mm  
June 2013: 76.71mm  
July 2013: 30.99mm  
August 2013: 39.39mm (to date)

We had very early, good rains in March and April, and then a hot dry spell in May. It has since rained regularly and continuously during August, with constant soft rains. The rainy weather is not conducive for good flower watching but warmer weather is being predicted for the coming week, particularly the coming weekend.

It seems as if the flowers are earlier than normal for Skilpad and some sections of the park. The recent rains seems to have extended the life of the flowers and currently Skilpad is as spectacular as ever, with large orange carpets covering the Skilpad section. Specific species coming into bloom is Varkiesknol

(*Herria elongata*); Meidesterte ((*Lapeirosia* sp.); Sporries (*Heliophila* sp); (*Babiana* sp) and Gazanias.

If you have a 4x4 vehicle the coastal section from the Spoeg river to the Groen river remains excellent. We expect the coastal flowers to last quite a while. The access road to Skilpad also has flower carpets as you approach the park.

The N7 all the way from Van Rhyns Dorp to Steinkopf has some very good patches on the roadside and adjacent land, particularly purple vygies.

The road to Skilpad from Kamieskroon has taken some rain damage but can be driven (slowly) with a normal sedan vehicle.

Please note that I can only speak with authority on the National park and close surrounds, but there are reports of good flowers in most other areas of Namaqua.

Attached photos were taken on 18 August 2013.

Kind regards

**BERNARD VAN LENTE**  
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**All photos below were take on 18 August:**





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