

Guides Meeting 19 March 2019
Library Books

Plants of the Arid Shrublands of Western Australia

A.A. Mitchell and D.G. Wilcox

University of Western Australia Press with the WA Department of Agriculture. 1988

Although this book was published in 1988 it contains interesting and useful information about native plants of the WA wheat belt. Each plant is highlighted by a general description, habitat, distribution (with an excellent map), forage value, and an indicator value. Particularly interesting is whether or not livestock will graze on particular native plants.

Perth Plants: A Field Guide to the Bushland and Coastal Flora of Kings Park and Bold Park, Second edition.

Russell Barrett and Eng Pin Tay

CSIRO Publishing, and Botanic Gardens & Park Authority, 2016

There are about 778 native and exotic recorded in bushlands (including coastal flora) of Kings Park and Bold Park (7-8 km from central Perth). This book describes about one third of the bushland plants. Photographs are clear and help with, identification of plants, and the descriptions, and distribution maps are helpful.

A Joy Forever: The Story of Kings Park & Botanic Gardens

Dorothy Erickson

Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority, WA, 2009

This is a comprehensive history of Kings Park, ranging from Aboriginal and Colonial Times to the progressive stages of the development of the park, from the early 1800's to the present time. The author Dr Dorothy Erickson, an historian and jewellery designer, includes some of the myths and legends around the park.

The Wildflowers of Southern Western Australia

Margaret G. Corrick and Bruce A. Fuhrer

Rosenberg Publishing Pty Ltd, NSW, 2009

This is a great book for travelling!! The book illustrates 755 of the flowering plants of southern Western Australia – and the plants' distributions are clearly shown on a map. There is a short description of the different areas: Kwongan, woodlands, mallee, granite outcrops, salt lakes, Jarrah-Marri Forest, etc. The book is arranged in Family Order, it contains a good index of botanical terms, and a comprehensive index. Thoroughly recommend for identification of plants if you are going to WA.

Plant Life of Western Australia. Second Edition.

J.S. Beard, Edited by A.S. George and N. Gibson.

Rosenberg Publishing Pty Ltd, NSW, 2015

The author/editors take an ecological approach to presenting this book. The vegetation of WA varies widely from one part to another. Vegetation is covered by sections on all 25 regions, e.g.

Southern Jarrah Forest Subregion, Gibson Desert, Wheatbelt Region and so on. These are included in three provinces. The aim of this book is to promote understanding of the different types of vegetation and of their ecological relationships. This is a comprehensive and instructional book.

How to Enjoy WA Wildflowers

Jim Barrow, Wajon Publishing Company, WA, 2013

The purpose of the book as set out in the Introduction – ‘is the more you see, the more you enjoy’. It describes the Western Australian environment, its geology, and plants in the landscape. It is an easy read and well-illustrated. The author Jim Barrow, worked as a Chief Research Scientist for CSIRO and is a past president of the Wildflower Society of Western Australia.