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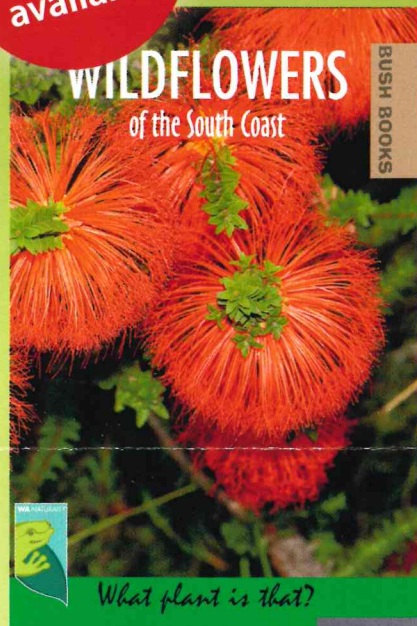
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CHITTICK
(*Lambertia inermis*)

Family Proteaceae

range or yellow flowers adorn this attractive shrub for much of the year. There are two variants. One has pale to deep orange flowers (var. *inermis*) and occurs most frequently in the southern areas. The other has pale yellow flowers (var. *drummondii*) and is most common in the Wheatbelt. Chittick belongs to a small genus of 10 species, and all but one are found in Western Australia. All members of the genus are pollinated by birds. Chittick is highly susceptible to *Phytophthora dieback*.

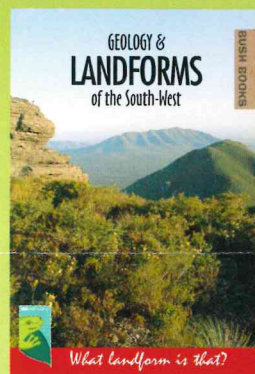
DESCRIPTION Chittick is a large shrub or small tree up to six metres high. The leaves are 6-24 millimetres long. They are green and shiny above, but have tiny white to rusty brown hairs beneath. The flowers are clustered into groups of seven on the ends of the branches, and surrounded by several brown bracts. The tubular, orange or yellow flowers, 4.5-5.5 millimetres long, have four short lobes. The woody fruits, 8-10 millimetres long, have a prominent beak.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES This plant has distinctive clusters of seven orange to yellow flowers and small, flat leaves, which are hairy on the lower surface.

HABITAT Chittick grows on sandy soils in woodland, mallee or heath.

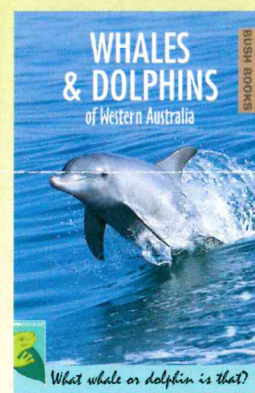
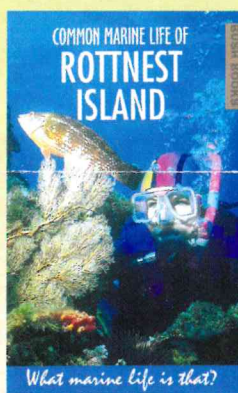
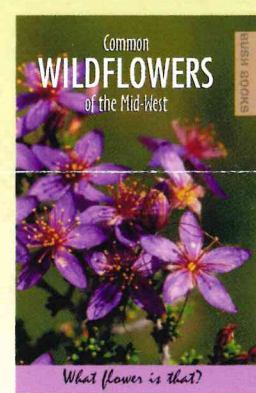
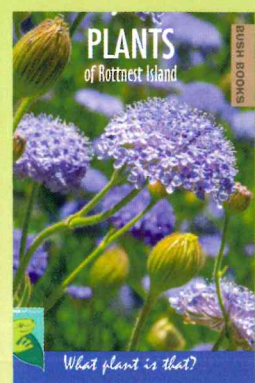
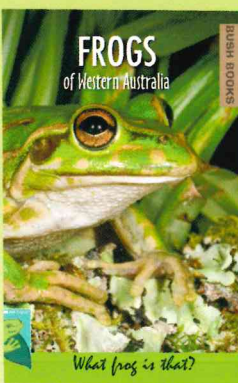
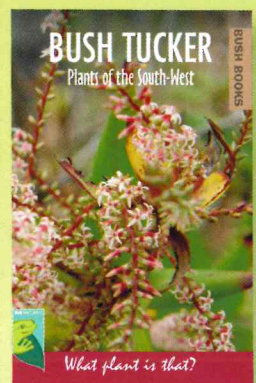
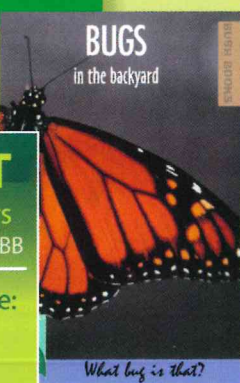
DISTRIBUTION The species is found from Albany and the Stirling Range to Cape Le Grand and north to Dumbleyung and Grass Patch.

FLOWERING TIME Most of the year.



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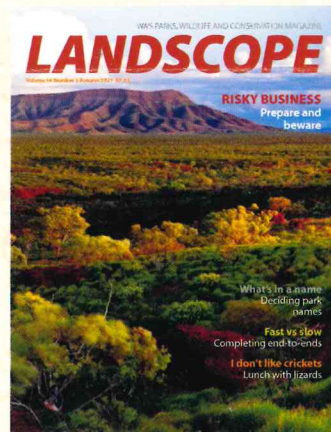
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