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Floral Emblem of the State of Western Australia



DESCRIPTION

MANGLES' KANGAROO PAW
(*Anigosanthos Manglesii* D. Don)

Mangles' Kangaroo Paw was first collected in the Swan River Colony in the early years of its settlement, and was described by D. Don in 1836.

It is a low sub-shrub, with leaves 1-2 feet in length, sometimes more, rather broad and tapering to an acute apex.

The flowering stem may reach 3-4 feet in height and bears a number of large flowers at its summit. Occasionally it may fork. The stem is clothed with woolly hairs of a deep red or purple colour, while the hairs on the flowers are of a metallic green with the exception of the swollen base where they are of the same red or purple as the stem. Occasionally the base of the flower may be yellowish in colour.

Mangles' Kangaroo Paw occurs naturally from the Murchison River in the north to the vicinity of Busselton in the south, and eastwards to Lake Muir, occurring on sandy soil. In the Darling Range it is common on lateritic soils while in a small form it extends eastwards as far as Merredin. The species is common in King's Park, Perth, and in the surrounding bushland.

Flowering usually commences in August and extends through to early October, although in some years and in some localities it may commence before August and extend into late October.



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PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA } By His Excellency The Honourable Sir John Patrick Dwyer, Knight Commander
TO WIT, } of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-
JOHN PATRICK DWYER, } Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies
Lieutenant-Governor. } in the Commonwealth of Australia.
[L.S.]

WHEREAS it has been made appear to me, the Lieutenant-Governor, desirable that a floral emblem be adopted as an emblem of the State of Western Australia and further that such emblem ought to be the flower of the plant known as the Kangaroo Paw and more fully described as *Anigosanthos Manglesii* D. Don : NOW THEREFORE I, the Lieutenant-Governor, acting with the advice and consent of the Executive Council do hereby declare that the flower of the plant known as the Kangaroo Paw and more fully described as *Anigosanthos Manglesii* D. Don be adopted and recognised as the floral emblem of the State of Western Australia.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State at Perth, this 9th day of November, 1960.

By His Excellency's Command,

DAVID BRAND,

PREMIER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !!!