



Jan Gathe examines *Darwinia carnea*

Rare plants rediscovered

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CALM's publication *Western Australia's Endangered Flora* continues to aid the discovery of rare species.

The presumed extinct species *Sowerbea multicaulis* had only been collected three times since the end of last century and, despite several searches, had not been recorded since 1964.

It has now been rediscovered and photographed by Mary Hancock and

Kevin Coate early in November this year. It is growing along a road verge much further north than most of the earlier collections.

Mary was able to identify the species from a drawing in the book and subsequent reference to specimens at the WA Herbarium.

Equally exciting is the rediscovery of a population of *Darwinia carnea* from the Mogumber-New Norcia area. This was found by Ted Griffin, a consultant botanist well known to many CALM staff.

Until this recent redis-

covery, it was only known from one population much further south near Narrogin.

CALM contract botanist Janette Gathe has been searching the Mogumber and Narrogin areas for more populations of the species.

In September Ted also found another presumed extinct species, *Chorizema varium*. This was originally recorded from the Fremantle area last century, and was rediscovered on coastal limestone further to the north.