

Commercial wildflower picker numbers on the up and up



During a recent visit to Perth District, Director of Regional Services Chris Haynes, right, inspected a crop of *Stirlingia latifolia* with reserves officer Ken Borland.

Photo by Alan Briggs

During spring this year, Perth District experienced a big increase in the number of commercial wildflower pickers.

Currently, the Perth District has 65 licensed wildflower pickers and 10 licensed seed pickers operating within State forest and vacant Crown land.

One of the by-products of CALM Fire's prescribed burning is *Stirlingia latifolia*, a species keenly sought by wildflower exporters to Holland and Japan. About 450,000 bunches, comprising 10-15 stems, of *Stirlingia* have been picked annually within the Perth District.











