

THE Wildflower Society of WA, through its bushland plant survey programme, offers support to landholders and community groups to document the flora and vegetation of their bushland. By knowing what your bushland contains and recognising its values, it becomes easier to make successful management decisions.

The survey program has been conducted for the past 10 years, mostly on the Swan Coastal Plain. It has recently extended to rural areas, and surveys of farm remnants have been conducted at Popanyinning, Konnongorring and Woodanilling. Volunteers experienced in plant survey, along with botanists, assist the local community in carrying out the survey work. The project is

Bushland Plant Survey Project

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currently funded by the NHT with some assistance from DEP and CALM.

Some of the benefits of the programme are:

- ▷ the bushland plants and the communities in which they grow are documented and a local field herbarium can be compiled
- ▷ the landholders gain a better understanding of the bushland and its management requirements
- ▷ rural and urban bushland managers are able to share expertise, information and ideas, and better understand management issues.

In addition to the survey weekends which will be held in spring, a selection of one-day workshops will be conducted. These will include plant survey techniques, seed collecting, and species selection for revegetation. Community participation is encouraged and people are welcome to join in the surveys or workshops which might be taking place in their area. This year's programme is in the process of being developed and details will be included in the next issue of *Western Wildlife*.

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