

Where the Wildflowers Are, National Biodiversity Month, Wedge-tailed Eagles, Greater Wellington National Park and more...

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August is National Biodiversity Month. Ningaloo Reef Marine Park. (Photo: Ningaloo Caravan and Holiday Resort)

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National Biodiversity Month



Ningaloo Reef Marine Park protects the ocean's biodiversity (Photo: Ed Cardwell)

“All things are bound together. All things connect. What happens to the Earth happens to the children of the Earth. Man has not woven the web of life. He is but one thread. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.” (Anon.)

Biodiversity Month is held annually in September. It aims to promote the importance of protecting, conserving and improving biodiversity both within Australia and across the world.

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Where the Wildflowers Are



The Outback is awash with Wildflowers in the Gascoyne Region of WA. (Photo: L-A Shibish)

Our best Wildflower season in a decade is underway right now! Australia's Coral Coast running from [Cervantes](#) to [Ningaloo](#) and east to [Wildflower Country](#) is blooming with wildflowers. The Coral Coast is known internationally for carpets of everlasting, unique flowers such as the popular Wreath Leschenaultia, various orchids and native bush flowers.

Between June to October, our rural sandplains and bushlands burst into colour. Witness one of the world's true natural wonders found right on your doorstep just north of Perth.

The top 12 sites for seeing wildflowers around Perth include Kings Park, John Forrest National Park and Wireless Hill Park, amongst others detailed [here](#).

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Take a Wedge-Tailed Eagle's Journey Through Six Noongar Seasons



WA Parks Foundation Chair Hon Kerry Sanderson AC and Simon Cherriman, Park Ambassador

“Kingdom in the Clouds” is an inaugural photography exhibition, by local research scientist, a renowned expert on the wedge-tailed eagle, photographer and WA Parks Ambassador, [Simon Cherriman](#).

The exhibition opened in August and takes you on a journey through the life-cycle of Wailitj, the Wedge-Tailed Eagle, depicted through photographs taken during the six Noongar Seasons across one calendar year. The display of the six ‘eagle seasons’ is enriched with an assortment of images of other Noongar Country wildlife. Displayed at The Sound Temple, in the Perth Hills, the large wall-mounted canvas images are for show and sale. Announcements for exhibition opening times can be found by checking the [website](#) for details.

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Feature National Park: Greater Wellington National Park



Wellington Dam (Photo: Parks & Wildlife)

Greater Wellington National Park, with its magnificent stands of jarrah, marri and blackbutt forests is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. The Park is popular all year round with the spring show of wildflowers making it a photographers' paradise. Within the Park, deep within the gorge and forests of the Collie River Valley, the river tumbles over granite boulders before forming deep pools, perfect for a swim on a hot day or a languid paddle in a canoe.

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Feature Urban Park: Lake Leschenaultia



Lake Leschenaultia (Photo: Martin Pot)

Lake Leschenaultia is an impressive recreational lake nestled in the scenic bushland of Perth Hills. Offering an abundance of water and land-based activities, Lake Leschenaultia is the perfect place for a family day trip or camping getaway.

Hire a canoe for a few hours or take the three-kilometre walk trail around the lake to explore the area on foot. You may get to see some of the numerous species of native birds, kangaroos, possums or echidnas that live in the area. Those with extra energy can try the 10 kilometres of off-road bush cycling trails.

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What to do in Parks – Fitness Training



Fitness training in John Forrest National Park (Photo: L-A Shibish)

The benefits of exercise are many. Our bodies were built to move. Exercise can improve your health, fight disease and help you hone life skills like persistence, confidence and motivation. Exercise functions to fill the gap between our decreased daily physical activity and our body's natural need to move in order to remain fit and healthy.

But why pump iron in a sweaty gym, when you can do your fitness training in a park, surrounded by fresh air and greenery?

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Video: What is biodiversity and why is it important?

Biodiversity is the term used to encompass the variety of all living organisms on Earth, including their genetic diversity, species diversity and the diversity of marine, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, together with their associated evolutionary and ecological processes. But as biodiversity is also a human concept, different people bring their own set of values to bear on it. Dr Steve Morton talks about the different values that humans obtain from biodiversity and the role we will need to play in shaping its future.

Tell us what you think!

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