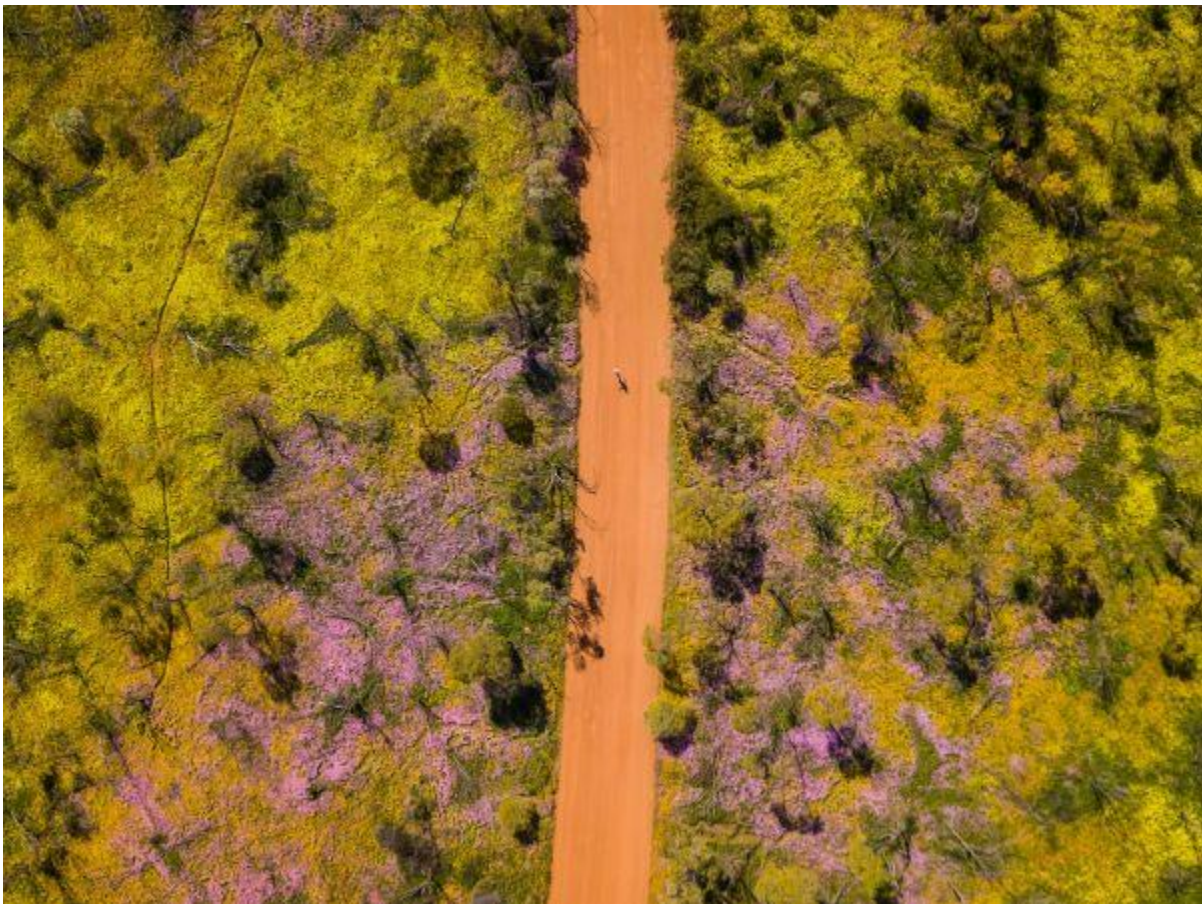


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Picture: Wildflowers, Coalseam Conservation Park, (Credit: Tourism Western Australia)

Welcome to the WA Parks Foundation News, sharing news and events that celebrate Our WA Parks and helping to increase community appreciation and involvement in the stewardship of our incredible national parks and conservation estate.

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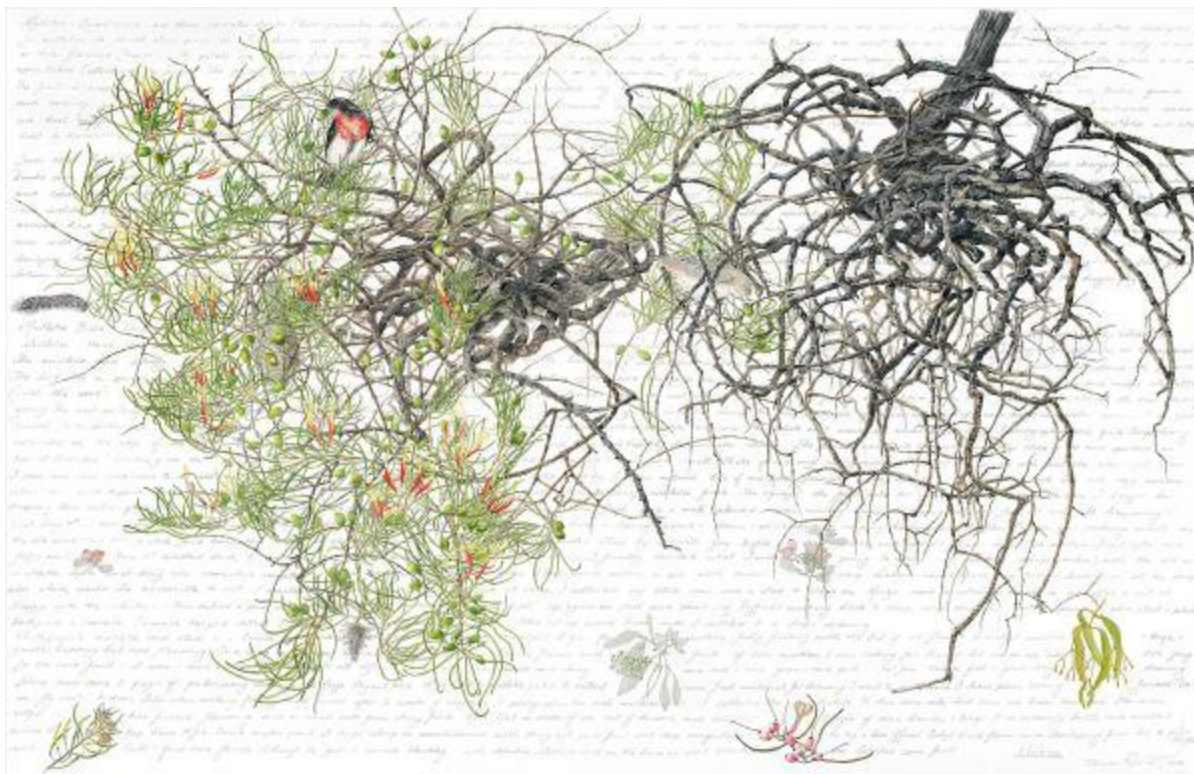


Picture: Chris Jansen, Live Ningaloo

The Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival from 25 – 27 May, marks the beginning of the whale shark season, welcoming these gentle giants to Exmouth's pristine waters. The region is home to the most predictable, seasonal aggregations of whale sharks in the world.

Despite their huge size, these docile creatures are filter feeders – one of only three known filter feeding shark species.

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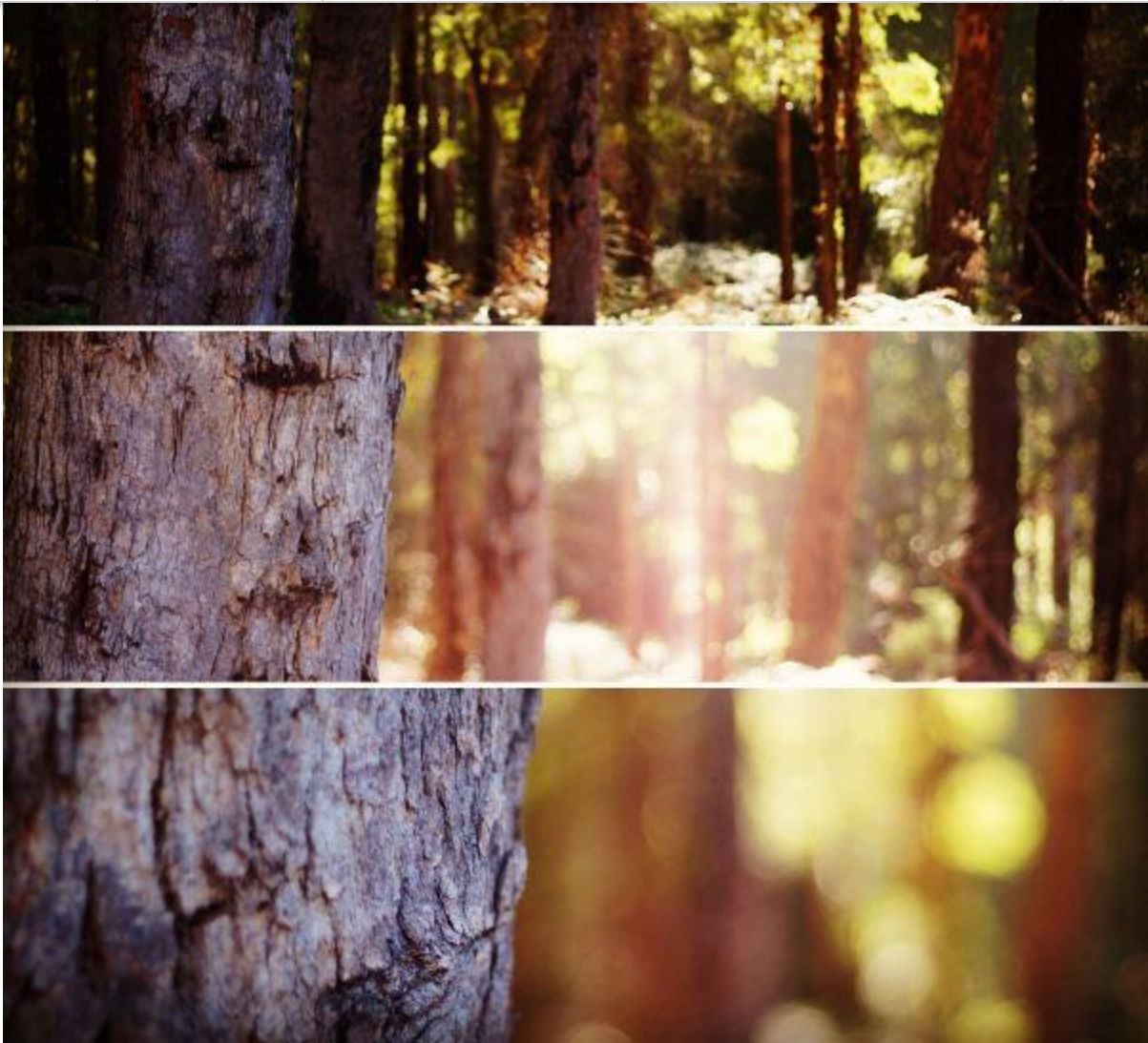


Picture: Philippa Nikulinsky, *Mistletoe, Mulgul Station 2014* (pencil & watercolour on Arches hot press paper)

An expansive exhibition by Perth-based, internationally recognised botanical and wildlife artist, Philippa Nikulinsky will be held at the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery at the University of Western Australia from 25 May to 17 August 2019.

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[A tribute to our jarrah](#)



Picture: Jarrah trees, Pemberton. Image courtesy Robert Koenig-Luck

The jarrah trees in Western Australia's South West forests are to me a symbol of strength and natural beauty. My home, built in 1913, is jarrah weather board and iron, with jarrah floors throughout. My ancestors, who were a part of the Group Settlement Scheme in the 1920s, cleared land in the South West for farming and harvested jarrah for building.

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[Capitalising on Western Australia's wildflower bounty](#)



Picture: Galahs and wildflowers by Carol Strang

Western Australia has some 12,500 flowering species, 60 per cent of which are found nowhere else in the world. The wildflower season, producing an extravaganza of colour and interest, attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

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[Margaret Forrest Exhibition](#)



The March issue of the WA Parks Foundation newsletter included an article about one of Australia's early botanical artists, Margaret Forrest. We've since been advised that a collection of Margaret Forrest's wildflower watercolours will be on display 10 am to 4 pm weekdays (except public holidays) at the Royal Western Australian Historical Society (RWAHS) Museum, 49 Broadway, Nedlands until the end of June.

Picture: *Leptospermum spinescens* (Spiny Teatree) by Margaret Forrest via [Australian National Botanic Gardens](#)

[Discovering the Kimberley on foot](#)



Picture: Sandstone formations at Mirima National Park

If the Kimberley is on your radar for May, if you would like to see some of the stunning country around Kununurra, enjoy a bushwalking challenge and don't mind getting up early, here's an event that ticks all those boxes.

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