

Plant of the Month — August 2019

Burchardia rosea Keighery



Burchardia rosea (Colchicaceae) is a low, cormous, tuberous, perennial herb, growing to a height of 20–50 cm, with 4–5 basal strap-like leaves. With umbels of 3–8 pale pink flowers and prominent yellow anthers, it's the most attractive species in the genus. The flowers are most abundant from August to September.

Burchardia rosea is one of six species in the genus *Burchardia*, five of which are endemic to the south-west of Western Australia. It occurs between Northampton and Kalbarri where it grows in seasonally wet, low-lying and seepage sites and in shallow soil over rock.

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