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WEST COAST & NAMAKWA FLOWER REPORT - 2012

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SWARTLAND AREA

DARLING

Travelling along the West Coast Road between Darling and Langebaan/Saldanha, the flowers are magnificent. On our side there are excellent displays at the entrance to Rondeberg and all the way down to the Grootte Post / Darling Hills Road. The flowers are really coming on fast now and it is certainly going to be one of the best seasons for flowers in our area this year.

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Darling Renosterveld Reserve (Access at top of village behind the Darling Primary School or lower down gate in Langfontein street); **also on the plot at the top of Langfontein st just below the reserve**

Darling Groenekloof Reserve (R315 alongside the SPCA premises) Park at the SPCA and enter through the small gate on the road;

Tienie Versfeld Reserve (R315 Darling – Yzerfontein); Visitors should walk to the left of the reserve following the old boardwalk and stay on the paths as it is rather wet in places otherwise.

Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve – farm road through reserve (R307 Darling – Mamre – in front of Duckitt Nursery);

Waylands – farm road through reserve (R307 to Mamre)

Visitors must please take care not to drive off the road in the Waylands and Duckitt Nurseries reserves as they may get stuck. **No buses.**

Burgherspost Wine Estate Reserve (R315 Darling – Malmesbury)

Darling hills roadsides very pretty (gravel road joining R315 to R27)

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Roadsides R307 from Mamre/Atlantis: patches of pink oxalis, young arums, pink & blue lobostemum (pyjama bush); carpets of white Dimorphotheca pluvialis (rain daisies).

Darling Renosterveld Reserve: This reserve is particularly nice around the reservoirs and off the pathway towards the west. Hesperantha (bontrok aandblom) – opens in afternoons; blue Suteria uncinata (bos opslag), Harmannias (poproos); oxalis (suring); romulea, arum; lachenalia (viooltjie); salmon-coloured morea flaccida, Laperousia (koringblom), Sparaxis villosa (blou kappie), the red Romulea, rain daisies, Wachendorfia on its way, Indigofera, a few Pelargoniums, Diascias (horinkie) which lives close to the floor, various Asteracea (daisies).

Spiloxene capensis with its white star-shape and peacock centre, also the smaller yellow Spiloxene, abundant kapokbossie – Eriocephalus. Vygies, and Bokbaai Vygies once the sun has been out a couple of hours.

Specials to look out for: sparaxis villosa; various babiana – melanops, nana and ambigua. Ixia scillaris is starting to appear, also gladiolus alatus. Magenta honey-scented muraltia shrubs still brightening up the bush.

Langfontein Str plot: awash with a carpet of gousblomme plus lots of different flowers, vygies, daisies, lachenalia, etc

Darling Groenekloof Reserve:

Clusters of red romulea; Tiny lantern-like heads of the orange and yellow poproos (Hermannia); Wachendorfia; Trachyandra (kool); salmon Oxalis purpurea (Suring); white pelargonium; bright red climber Microloma (bokmaellie); yellow senecio pubigerus (skraalbossie) the pink (endangered) Lampranthus ficalis (vygie); cotula – from the all-yellow to the white ray floretted one; Tetragonia; the tiny purple and yellow Lapeirousia hiding amongst the grass, yellow Cotulas, pink Vygies, a few blue Morea tripetala, and lots of Lachenalia, magenta Muraltia.

Duckitt Nurseries Wildflower Reserve: The Heliophila (blue flax) is out in profusion; lots of arums; First Babiana pygmaea (geel Bobbejaantjie) look out for the Gladiolus carinatus (sand pypie) in the restios as well as the little yellow Nemesia affinis. In the little dam at the gate are Onixotis punctata

YZERFONTEIN

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Around Schaap Island, vygies need a bright sunny day To be at their best. Best time to view will be near mid afternoon. Only way to view will be by walking. Can view flower all around in Yzerfontein. Resident's gardens colourful on sunny day . Dassen Island Drive, Bokbaai Vygies to see.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Vygies and Bokbaai Vygies, bright colors-pink, yellow, orange

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

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WEST COAST PENINSULA

HOPEFIELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: In town on vacant plots
On road to Langebaanweg (R45)
From Hopefield to Velddrif on the roadside(R234 –R27)
Plaasmol (R45) 5km outside Hopefield
Gravel road between Langebaanweg and Cloeteskraal
Next to the road at the entrance of the farm Sandvlei
Road between R45 and Moorreesburg (R311)
On the farm Bontheuwel next to R45
Drive slowly along road.

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Wit, Geel & Helder Oranje Gousblomme (daisies), Persbosse, Bitoubos, Bruin Saliebos , Pers Drumsticks, Groot plate Camel blomme, Geel Bokbaaivygies, Arum Lilies (along the river), Viooltjies (Lachenalia), Weeskindertjies, Geel Hongerblomme, Cineraria, Suikerkanne, Aalwyne, Rotsstert, Aandblomme, Pienk Wilde Malva, Wit Morea, Sewe dae Geneesbossie, Pers & Pienk Vygies, Melkbos, Slymstok, Kapokbos, Vlei-rys blommetjies, Blou Salie, Red heart Pocus in vleilande, Skilpadbessie, Duinebessie, Blombos, Tolbos (Leucadendron), Restios

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields** -On R234 between Hopefield & Veldrif
Fields – White & Orange Daisies in town

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Website: www.capewestcoastpeninsula.co.za

JACOBSBAAI

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Jacobsbaai Village & Walk along Roads /2.5KM SOUTH OF TOWN

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

bietou	Chrysanthemoides monilifera
ossierrapuis	Othonna cylindrica
soetkoppdikblaar	Senecio sarcoides
bruinsalie	Salvia africana-lutia
skilpadbessiebos	Muraltia spinescens
slaaibos	Zygophyllum morgsana
geelmelkbos	Euphorbia mauritanica
hanepootharpuisbos	Euryops multifidus
sjielingbos	Zygophyllum cordifolium
siering	Oxalis pes- caprae
gousblom	Arctotis hirsuta
cape weed	Arctotheca calendula
reenblommetjies	Dimorphotheca pluvialis
strandhongerblom	Senecio maritimus
bokbaaivygies	Dorotheanthus bellidiformis
elandsvy	Carpobrotus acinaciformis
kleinkruid	Foveolina tenella
varkoor	Zantheschia aethiopica
witslakblom	Hebenstreitia repens
grootdikblaar	Senecio aloides
weskusdaisy	Felicia elongate
berggousblom	Ursinia anthemoides
blouppie	Gladiolus cearuleus
bobbejaantjie	Babiana ambigua

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / Patches / Few

PS: Flowers are currently beautiful and will just become more in the next 10 days and prettier!

Flowershop OPEN from 11H00 – 16H00

LANGEBAAN

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Langebaan Gate to Seeberg Hide

Type of Flowers :Orange gousblom, Yellow Suring, Skilpad Tebossie(Yellow), Sukkelbossie(White Flower),Bobbejaankool(Yellow Flower), Spinnekopblom Stems, Hongerblom(Yellow & Pink).

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Langebaan Town / Langebaan Country Estate

Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White), Geelhongerblomme
: Gousblommetjies, Blue Flax/ Sporrie (Blue Flowe

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Road Langebaan Gate to Geelbek:

Type of Flowers : Kaopkbossie(White Flower),Bobbejaankool (Yellow flower)
Strand Sallie(Brown Flower),Harpuisbos/Euryops(Yellow Flower),Restio/Riet(Brown Flower),Blombos(White Flower),
Geelmelkbos(Yellow Rossete).

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Road to Geelbek and Kraalbaai

Type of Flowers :Bietou(Yellow Flower),Blombos(White Flower),
Geelmelkbos(Yellow Rossete),Strand Salie(Brown Flower),
Rooi Naeltjie,Truitjie(Red Flower).

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Myburgh Park, Oliphantskop

Type of Flowers :Suring/Sorrel(Yellow&Pink),Reenblommetjies (White & Orange),
Eendekos(Yellow button flower),Blouflaks.

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Road between Langebaan & Saldanha

Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Kraalbaai to Tjaarbank

Type of Flowers : All the above shrubs.Helder Kuip Vygie(Yellow Flower)
Vygiebos(Bright Purple),Ice Plant,Suring/Sorrel(Yellow &Pink)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS :Postberg Gate Left to Plankiesbaai

Type of Flowers :Suring/Sorrel(Yellow&Pink),Reenblommetjies,
: Eendekos(Yellow button flower),Vygiebos(Bright Purple)
: Pronk Tulp/Tulip(Pink),Petsnot(Yellow Flower).
: Bobbejaantjies, Bont viooltjies, Bloukappie, Rotstert, Varklelie,
: Naeltjiesblom, Lobelia, Vygies, Bloubekkie, Vygie bosse,
: Pietsnot, Bietou, Rooi Salie, Spinnekopblom, Elandsvy,
: Reenblommetjie, Slang Tamarak, Bobbejaankool, Blouppie,
: Lewertjies, Sterretjie, wit daisies, Froetang, Pers Hongerblom,
: Bokbaai Vygie,Veldkool, Kapokbossie,

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WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK: POSTBERG IS OPEN!!! TEL:- 022 772 2144
Entrance fees: R44 – South African Citizens / R88 – International Tourist per person

Free Entrance for SA Citizens: 10-14 September 2012 (bring your ID)

ST HELENA BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Along road through town:

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Douvygies (lilac);
Gewone vygie (Ruschia, lilac);
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange/red tips);
Pienk bos vygie;
Kus Malva (lilac);
Reenblommetjies (white);
Geel Suring;
Geeloog Suring (salmon);
Pers Koringblommetjies (lilac);
Kankerbos (red);
Varklelie (white);
Basterkaroo (yellow);
Gifbossie (yellow);
Blou Violtjie (purple);
Stinkkruid / wurmbos (yellow);
Pensies (purple);
Gousblom (orange);
Bitterappels (purple);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Britannica Heights

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Top: Gewone Poproos (yellow);
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange/red tips);
Trekertjies (yellow with brown disc);
Geel Suring;
Geeloog Suring (salmon);
Blaasertjie (purple);
Bobbejaantjies (blue);
Tulp (Moraea gawleri, white);
Kattekruid (lilac);
Basterkaroo (yellow);
Bontviooltjie (Lachenalia, pers);
Lebeckia (bright yellow);
Septemberbos (purple);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

Slope: Namakwa Kool;
Reenblommetjies
Kankerbos (red-orange);
Lebeckia (bright yellow);
Pienk Bos Vygie;
Kus Malva (lilac);
Geel Suring;
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange tips);
Snotrosie (red);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Around Da Gama monument

TYPE OF FLOWERS : Gousblom (orange); plenty
Reenblommetjies (white);
Gifblommetjies (yellow);
Piet Snot (yellow);
Kus Malva (lilac);
Namakwa Kool;
Bontviooltjie (Lachenalia, purple);
Kukumakranka;
Geeloog Suring;
Strandvygie (yellow); Veldkool;Kattekrueie;

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Shelley Point area

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Sorrel (yellow);
Geel Suring;
Gifbossie (yellow);
Gousblom (yellow);
Koggelmandervoet;

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Brittanica Bay - coastline
TYPE OF FLOWERS : Gifbossie (yellow);
Bos Poproos (yellow with orange/red tips);
Pietsnot (yellow);
Geel Suring;
Reenblomme (white);

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

Succulent & Cactus Nursery
72 Flamingo Road

SALDANHA

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: SAS SALDANHA NATURE RESERVE

Visits by prior arrangement: Contact : 082 320 0549

TYPE OF FLOWERS AND HOW MANY AS WELL AS THE LOCATION OF FLOWERS :

- GOUSBLOM - **Fields** - Between Malgaskop and Moresonkop
SURING - **Patches** - Lots of them next to the dirt roads
VYGIES - **Patches** – Behind farmhouse area also next to the road on the sea side to the lighthouse as well as in the lighthouse area.
SPINNEKOPBLOM - **Few** - On the Dunes at Kampklossie and also along the dirt road next to the dunes. Some must still flower.
PIEMPIEMPIE - **Patches** On Baviaanskop and also in the rock area next to the farmhouse. Also on the sea side of malgaskop on the dirt road about 500m after the entrance at the Northbay gate (close to the 2nd world war buildings.
PIENK FROETANG - **Few** - Next to the dirt road at Malgaskop entering from the Academy Gate.
SALDANHA PYPIE - **Few** Next to road from Farmhouse to Kampklossie as well as next to the dirt road behind dunes to the shooting range.
WILDE MALVA - **Patches** – Next to the road on the way to Skulpgate
KALKOENTJIES - **Few** - Along the dirt road next to the dunes as you walk towards Tabakbaai.

LOCATION OF FLOWERS : Road between Saldanha & Langebaan

Type of Flowers : Reenblommetjies (White & Orange)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: **Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few**

PATERNOSTER

LOCATION OF FLOWERS: Cape Columbine Nature Reserve

TYPE OF FLOWERS: Various types of Mesembryanthemaceae & Asteraceae,
Ballota africana – Kattekruid,
Carpobrotus acinaciformis – Elandsvy, Chasmanthe floribunda – Piempiempie
Chrysanthemoides monilifera – Bietou, Crassula natans – Watergras
Cynanchum africanum – Bobbejaantou,
Cyphia crenata – klein Bokkies, Cysticapnos vesicarius – Klappertjie,
Dikblaar, Dimorphotheca pluvialis – Reenblommetjie, Dorotheanthus bellidiformis – Bokbaai Vygie
Euphorbia burmannii – klein Steenbokbos, Ferraria crispa – Spinnekopblom
Grielum humifusum – Pietsnot, Hemimeris sabulosa – sand Geelgesiggie
Lampranthus vredenburgensis – Vredenburg kruip Vygie

Limeum africanum – Koggelmandervoet, Limonium peregrinum – Strandroos,
Lyperia triste – Traanblommetjie, Microloma Sagittatum – Bokmaellie
Namaqua Kool, Nemesia versicolor – bont Leeubekkie / Weeskindertjies,
Oxalis pes-caprea – Suring / Sorrel, Pelargonium fuldigum – rooi Malva,
Pharnaceum incanum – regop Sneeuwvygie, Salvia africana-lutea – strand Salie,
Various Tamarak, Thesium spinosum – steek Groenbasbossie
Zaluzianskay pariflora – mini Drumsticks, Zygophyllum cordifolium – Sjielingbos,
Zygophyllum morgsana – Slaaibos, Zygophyllum spinosum – Spekbos,

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

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Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

On R399 between Vredenburg and Paternoster.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Carpobrotus quadrifidus (Elandsvy)
Carpobrotus edulis (Suurvy)
Arctotheca calendula (Seepampoen)
Arctotis hirsuta (Gousblom)
Dimorphoteca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie)

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LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

On smallholding Pelgrimsrust just before Paternoster.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Trachyandra falcata (Namakwa Kool)
Trachyandra muricata (rolbos Kool)
Trachynadra ciliata (hotnots Kool/Wildeblomkool)
Ballota africana (Kattekruid)
Gladiolus caeruleus (Saldanha Pypie)
Ornithogalum cooperi (Geldbeursie)
Lampranthus vredenburgeris (Vredenburg kruip Vygie)
Zaluzianskya parviflora (mini Drumsticks)
Danbeya zeyheri (Bobbjaanhoek)
Romulea elliptica (Vredenburg Froetang)
Roepera morgsana (Slymbos)
Lapeirousia jacquinii (blou Koringblom)
Carpobrotus quadrifidus (Elandsvy)
Carpobrotus edulis (yellow Suurvy)
Othonna coronopifolia (sand Bobbejaankool)
Othana cylindrica (dikblaar Bobbejaankool)
Arctotheca populifolia (Seepampoen)
Arctotis hirsuta (Sout Gousblom)
Dimorphoteca pluvialis (Reenblommetjie)
Arctopus echiniatus (Platdoring)
Oxalis pes-caprae (geel Suring)
Oxalis obtusa (geeloog Suring)

Aristea africana (Blousuurkanol, Koringbloemetjie)
Lachenalia rubida (sand Viooltjie)
Lessertia frutescens (Kankerbos)
Dorotheanthus bellidiformis (Bokbaai Vygjie)
Conicosia puginiformis (groot Vetkousie)
Onocosiphon africanum (Wildekamille)

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VREDENBURG

LOCATION OF FLOWERS

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

:R45 and the exits to Paternoster, Saldanha and Velddrif
:Gousblomme(Orange&Yellow), White Rain Daisy, A few Arum
Lilies, Suringe

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / **Plenty** / **Patches** / Few

BERGRIVIER AREA

VELDDRIF

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Velddrif

Patches & fields throughout town. Open space bordered by Tecoma Jacaranda streets – covered in white daisies. Voortrekker road towards Piketberg – open plots with flowers – white and orange daisies and yellow surings. Church avenue – open spaces with white daisies. Pienk vyebosse in Church Avenue, yellow surings and hongerbosse and white rain daisies. Rivier street in Laaiplek towards Port Owen – white daisies and yellow hongerblomme. Stephan street in Laaiplek – white daisies. Voortrekker Road in Velddrif and Laaiplek – white daisies, yellow surings and pienk vyebosse

(between Douglas Widd street and Hoofstreet on your left).
Some orange daisies also.

Bergrivier Golfklub – fields of white daisies

On the road to Dwarskersbos – yellow surings and
hongerblomme

Malgas street, Velddrif - white rain daises, pink vyebosse and
yellow hongerblomme and surings

Drives from Velddrif – R234 from Velddrif to Hopefield –
yellow and white daisies, and from the silos also shrubs like
pink duinebessie/skilpadbessie

R234 to Hopefield – at Cloeteskraal turn right at the gravel
road - it takes you to Langebaanweg Airforce base –
spectacular fields of white and yellow daisies, some purple
sporrie

Aurora to Velddrif (tarred R399) starting with purple
kantblomme, white, yellow, orange, purple and blue

flowers

Aurora

Town covered in orange & white daisies. First gravel road
from Velddrif to Hopefield (road not in a
good condition), but spectacular flowers! Shrubs (Biedou &
bobbejaankool with yellow flowers (high plants) covered in
yellow flowers. Feields of white and orange daisies.
Skilpadbessie carrying fruit now. The duinebessie starting to
flower – also lovely smell.

Drives from Aurora – R399 to Sauer & Velddrif – fields of
white daisies next to the road

Redelinghuys

Both sides of Olof Bergh street – fields of white and yellow
daisies. In town also yellow and pink surings and
bokbaaivygies. Yellow and orange daisies

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

white daises, yellow surings, yellow hongerblomme and
orange daisies, pienk vyebosse, yellow daisies/
skilpadbessie/duinebessie/wilde kamille/purple sporrie/
bokbaaivygies

Aurora to Velddrif (R399)

Blue flaks /sporrie, purple bokbaai vygies, purple and blue ,
white and yellow hongerblomme, yellow langbeen suring,
white jonkmansknoop, white aaronskelke, , bont viooltjies,
purple galdioli/pypie, purple ertjie (ot indigenous), light purple
vyebosse, yellow bokbaaivygies, yellow petsnot/duikers,
white kamille and light pruple kantblom

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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CEDERBERG AREA

LAMBERTS BAY

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

In town on vacant plots. Lamberts Bay Golf Club. Main road. Dassiepoort 5km south and Panorama Park. The flowers from Graafwater to Lambertsbay on the R364 are extraordinarily beautiful. The Sishen Service road (behind the golf course) from Lamberts Bay to Elands Bay have **fields** of flowers. The colours range from orange, yellow, purple, lilac and white. The flowers from Elands Bay to Redelinghuys R366 are also beautiful and take the gravel road to Aurora for fields and fields of flowers of all types. The gravel road 5km north of Lamberts Bay to Vredendal has **fields** of flowers. Remember to drive slowly, get out of your vehicle as many of the flowers are hidden amongst the bushes which are also starting to bloom.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Kapokbossie, Soetgousblom, Wit sôe gousblom, jonkmansknoop, weeskindertjies, vingerpol, bokhorinkies, rooimalva, suring, kruidjie roer my nie, skilpadbessie, lewertjie, sandganna, pietsnot, vygies, bloupypies, rotstert & bobbejaantjies.

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Patches, fields plenty – depending on area – see above

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AREND DE WAAL FLOWER ROUTE 083 354 1788 Weekends only. Book early to avoid disappointment.

CLANWILLIAM

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

N7 between Citrusdal and Clanwilliam, N7 between Clanwilliam and Klaver, Old Klaver road (gravel) from Klaver to Clanwilliam, R364 from Clanwilliam to Lambertsbaai, Ramskop Nature Garden and Vrede Oord cemetery and golf grounds , patches in and around the town. Boskloof road (gravel) and Ou Kaapse Weg (gravel road along the Olifants Rvier towards Citrusdal), Biedouw Valley

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Gousblom, pietsnot, oranje harpui, bokbaaivygie, Elandsvy, wit harpui, tulp, sandvygie, vygiebos, ridderspoor, hongerblom, sambreeltjies, rapuisbos, jakkalsbos, harpui, Clanwilliam madeliefie, Vaalperdebos, Perdebos

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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CITRUSDAL

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

Between Citrusdal and Clanwilliam on the N7
On the R303, on your way to Op die berg
Between Boontjiesrivier and Boschkloof
On the old Clanwilliam road towards Algeria
On both sides of the Bo-rivier road
On The Baths road

Drive slowly along the roads and remember to keep the sun at your back.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Orange daisy, yellow flowers, Cape rain daisy, reenblom, blou sporieblom, Clanwilliam harpui, pienk vyggies, skilpadbessie, perde bos, viooltjie, berg magrietjies,
Cederberg daisy, bokbaaivygie, gousblom, bokhorinkies, white daisy, blombos, purple kalkoentjie, swart kopie, white katstert, botter blom, fluweel blom, suikerkan, bergsuurkannol, spelde kusing,

HOW MANY FLOWERS:

Fields / Plenty / Patches / Few

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Burtons Farm



Marcuskraal

NAMAQUA WEST COAST

HARDEVELD

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

On the N7 towards Nuwerus and Bitterfontein
From Bitterfontein to Molvlei/Rietpoort
Gravel road from Landplaas towards Bitterfontein

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Namaqua Daisies / Perdeblomme / Beetle Daisies / Vygies

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / **Patches** / Few

VANRHYNSDORP

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

On the N7 North of Vanrhynsdorp.
On road towards Gifberg.
Along the streets in town.
Ouberg surroundings

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Karoo Daisy / Poublommetjies (Osteospermum)
Beetle Daisy (Gorteria).Wilde malva(Pelargonium)

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / **Patches** / Few

FLOWER SHOWS:

Name: Succulent Show

Date & Time: August and September 2012 Every Day 08:00 – 17:00

Venue: VANRHYNSDORP

Admission: R10.00 PP

Contact detail: 0272191062 (Brink/Amanda)

VREDENDAL, KLAWER towards LUTZVILLE, STRANDFONTEIN & DORINGBAAI

LOCATION OF FLOWERS:

From Klawer along the R362 & R363 towards Vredendal.
Along the R362 from Lutzville towards Doringbaai.

TYPE OF FLOWERS:

Karoo Daisy / Poublommetjies (Osteospermum)
Beetle Daisy (Gorteria),Gazania's, yellow perdebos.

HOW MANY FLOWERS: Fields / Plenty / **Patches** / Few



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NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK

Namaqua Flowers Beach Camp



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Hi all

Rainfall, Skilpad section, Namaqua National Park:

April 2012: 13.71mm
May 2012: 14.74mm
June 2012: 86.62mm
July 2012: 35.30mm
August 2012: 68.81mm

The Skilpad flowers remain spectacular (see photos). We have had sunny days without the hot bergwinds, which hopefully will result in the flowers staying around for some time.

Common species right now is Pietsnot (*Grielum homifusum*), Meidestert (*Lapeirosia* sp.), orange daisies (*Ursinia cakifolia*), and various other species. It would seem most species are now in flower.

There are now flowers all over the park, with the road from Skilpad to Soebatsfontein, and particularly around Soebatsfontein, a must-see for visitors with high ground clearance vehicles.

If you have a 4x4 vehicle the coastal section from the Spoeg river to the Groen river is excellent for a variety of colors.

The road to Skilpad, with the 4 km just before the park, is one of the best drives around.

There are now literally flowers all over Namaqua, and visitors should ask around to get the full benefit.

Kind regards

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Photos taken by Bernard v Lente,
inside the Namaqua National Park.

NAMAKWA TOURISM FLOWER REPORT



NAMAKWA TOURISM **FLOWER UPDATE** **AUGUST 2012**

Dear All

We are proud to announce that the Namakwa region is in bloom. The spring flowers is out in various colours like the orange daisies, yellow peit snot and white daisies. Our rainfall figures had also improved over the past weeks and we have defnatly more flowers to show tourists coming from all over South-Africa and even from abroad.

Flower routes can be explored in towns like Springbok, NababEEP, Okiep, Concordia, Kamieskroon, Kharkams, Garies, on the road between Kleinzee and Port Nolloth, Niewoudtville and Calvinia. Calvinia is also the host of the Hantam Vleisfees this weekend of 24 August 2012. Namakwa Tourism will exhibit this weekend at this above

mentioned event. Tourists in the area are more than welcome to visit our stand at the festival on the Calvinia showgrounds.

Our Namakwa National Park near Kamieskroon and the Goegap Nature Reserve near Springbok are also in bloom.

We wishes you all a lovely sunny weekend.

Tips for viewing flowers.

As the flowers also face the sun, a good general principle is to travel north relatively quickly and then do most of your flower viewing in a southerly direction so that the flowers are always facing you.

- The flowers are at their best between 11:00am and 16:pm in the afternoon so there is no need to rush out straight after breakfast, (unless you have some traveling to do before you get to the flower region).
- The flowers will not come out in heavily overcast or rainy weather so you should plan to visit other sights on such days. Keep this fact in mind planning your trip.
- The displays are noticeably better if you travel with the sun behind you so that the flowers are facing you. So when planning your daily route, try to travel in a westerly direction in the morning, southerly during the day and turn east in the afternoon.
- Get out of your car and walk amongst the flowers – you will appreciate them so much more.
- The petal-like structures of daisy and vygie flowers only begin to open out once they have reached a threshold temperature, which is usually 20 °C on the coast and 17 °C on the cooler uplands.

The flowers season peaks between early August and late September and its delights depend on the winter rains. Some years are better than others. If there has been a steady flow of cold fronts during the winter, then it is likely to be a good flower season. However spring temperatures are also important. If it heats up too quickly then the early visitors have glorious sunshine but the flowers do not last very long.

The Catch 22 is that lots of rain means good flower displays. But if it continues to rain during the spring, then it's not so much fun to view the flowers!

As a general rule the wild flowers begin first in the north in Namaqualand in late July/early August and then advance southwards through Niewoudtville and the Cederberg towards the West Coast as September begins. Thus if you are planning a trip for early to mid September, you will be too late for Namaqualand but fine for the West Coast around Darling and Langebaan. Similarly if you are coming in mid August then the best displays will be further north – generally speaking...