

Return to Mukinbudin-Bullfinch Road, travel in easterly direction for 3kms on the right in Karolin Rock, with carpets of Everlastings in Pink, Yellow, White, Blue Cornflower, Mouse Ears and Red Granite Bottlebrush, many varieties of birds frequent this area, the noisiest being the bellbird. This is an excellent example of an old well and small dam with Native Broom.

On returning to the Mukinbudin-Bullfinch Road 5.2kms east of Police Rock on the right hand side 3km many plants can be found, including Stackhousia and Dampiera. Back onto the Mukinbudin-Bullfinch Road continue East through carpets of Pink Everlastings, at the Bullfinch Wheat and Sheep Country. 18kms along Bullfinch-Southern Cross Road you come to Halfway Rocks. Here you will see orchids, Scrub Sheoak and Pin Cushions. Further on at the 10km sign from Southern Cross you will see lovely specimens of the Grevillea Eriostachya subspecies Excelsior (Flame Grevillea), the Yilgarn Shire Floral Emblem.

Welcome back to Southern Cross. Many of our wildflowers are unique to this area. We hope you have enjoyed your journey through our spectacular country side.



Plumed Grevillea



Climbing Fringe Lilly



Mulla Mulla



Jack in the Box Orchid



Grevillea Excelsior - The Flame Grevillea, the Shire of Yilgarn Floral Emblem

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The beauty of the Yilgarn Wildflowers

This tour is designed to take you off the Highway to see some of the very best wildflowers Western Australia has to offer:

Leaving Southern Cross in a southerly direction, passing the Palace Hotel towards Marvel Loch, you may see White Verticordia, Helmsii, Red Bottle Brush Grevillea, Goldenaccia, Black Toothbrush Grevillea, Verticordia Brownii (Common Cauliflower), Parakeelya, Pimelia, Native Hops, Foxglove, Dampiera, Tinsel Flower, Bacon & egg Bush, Pink Verticordia and Melaleuca. Nine mile hill on the way to Marvel Loch shows its beauty with Blue Native Hibiscus and Donkey Orchids.

On arriving in Marvel Loch, a very busy mining area established in early 1900, turn right at the General Store onto Parkers Range / Burbidge / Nevoria Road. Passing Yilgarn Star Goldmine you come to the cross roads sign posted Hyden, turn right. A Further 5kms down this road brings you to an excellent display of Sandplain Wildflowers. You are on the Emu Fence Road and travelling a further 8.5kms brings you to a brilliant display of Smokebush, Banksia, Yellow Verticordia, Pincushions, Circus Trigger Plants, Blue Lace Flower, Native Red Pomegranate and Pea Flower. While in the area keep a look out for the Mallee Fowl which can often be seen running across the road. On your left, continue for another 32.5kms until you come to Cramphorne Road, turning right you will see the South Yilgarn Wheat Bins on your left.

While cruising along this road, you will find a brilliant stand of Red Ravensthorpe Bottlebrush and the Yellow Flowered Tall Sand Mallee, along with birdlife especially the Green Elegant Parrots. Stay on Cramphorne Road, passing over crossroads for 14.3kms watch out for a most unusual Golden Dryandra which can be seen on either side of the road. Continue 16.6kms turn right onto South Moorine Road signposted Southern Cross 80kms. Follow this road 3.1kms and turn left to Mt Hampton Dam, a new dam catchment area. Follow the track 1km to arrive at a beautiful picnic place, with Greenhood, Donkey & Spider Orchids near the base of the rock along with Ferns, Tea Tree, Sheoak and Acacia thicket. Pink and Mauve Melaleuca line the track.

As you come back to South Moorine Road, turn left 4.6kms take the left hand fork travelling for 10.7kms to giveaway sign. This brings you to the little community of Mt Hampton with a disused school, community centre and Dulyalbin Wheat Bin. Turn left into Dulyalbin Road, following this road for 23.2kms you will see beautiful examples of the brilliant Orange Verticordia (Morrison), Native Fuchsia, Calytrix, Ravensthorpe Bottlebrush and Cricketball Hakea. Turn right into Ivey Road for Native Foxglove and Tall Sand Mallee.

Continue along this road back to Bodallin and Great Eastern Highway. At the highway turn right to North Bodallin Road, travel 3kms, turn left past wheat fields, where you will see many varieties of Golden Wattle, Salmon Gums, Gimlets and Quandongs with their bright red fruit lining the road verges.

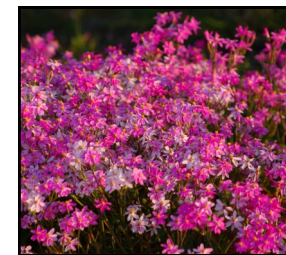
At North Bodallin telephone exchange the road changes again to gravel 23.7kms you come to Keokaine Rock (one of the prettiest in our Granite

Discovery) also remnants of a Hunts Soak near the rock Orchids abound here including Red Spider, Bluebeard, Green Hood, Vanilla, Laughing Leek, Prasophyllum Sargentii and Mignonette. Waitzia Acuminata form a carpet of gold whilst the taller Glischrocaryon Aureum is along the road verge. 12.3kms further along North Bodallin Road at a walk through the bush amongst Pink Everlastings and different forms of Mulla Mulla growing in a golden carpet. Specimens lining the road include White Grevillea, Mouse Ears, Cypress Pines, Sheoaks and Deadly Nightshade.

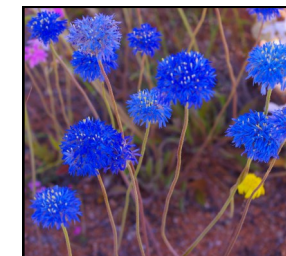
Continue north until you arrive at the "T" junction of Mukinbudin-Bullfinch Road, take a small detour 2.4kms, turn left to visit Baladgie Rock, turn off right into the track and follow this for 5kms. Another Excellent picnic place, explore caves, rock formations and a walk to the Lake, Highclere Hill (Golden Valley). Native Broom grows abundantly along with many varieties of small plants and Ferns at the base of this granite rock.



Yilgarn Wildflowers



Pink Paper Flowers



Native Cornflower