



EucMedia

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Welcome to EucMedia 8

featuring Meekatharra breakaways, the magic of Warrdagga Hill, tortuous Bluff Knoll and a few spots in between.

These breakaways north of Meekatharra contain one of the largest known populations of

Pilbara ghost gum
(*Corymbia ferriticola*).



Meekatharra breakaways



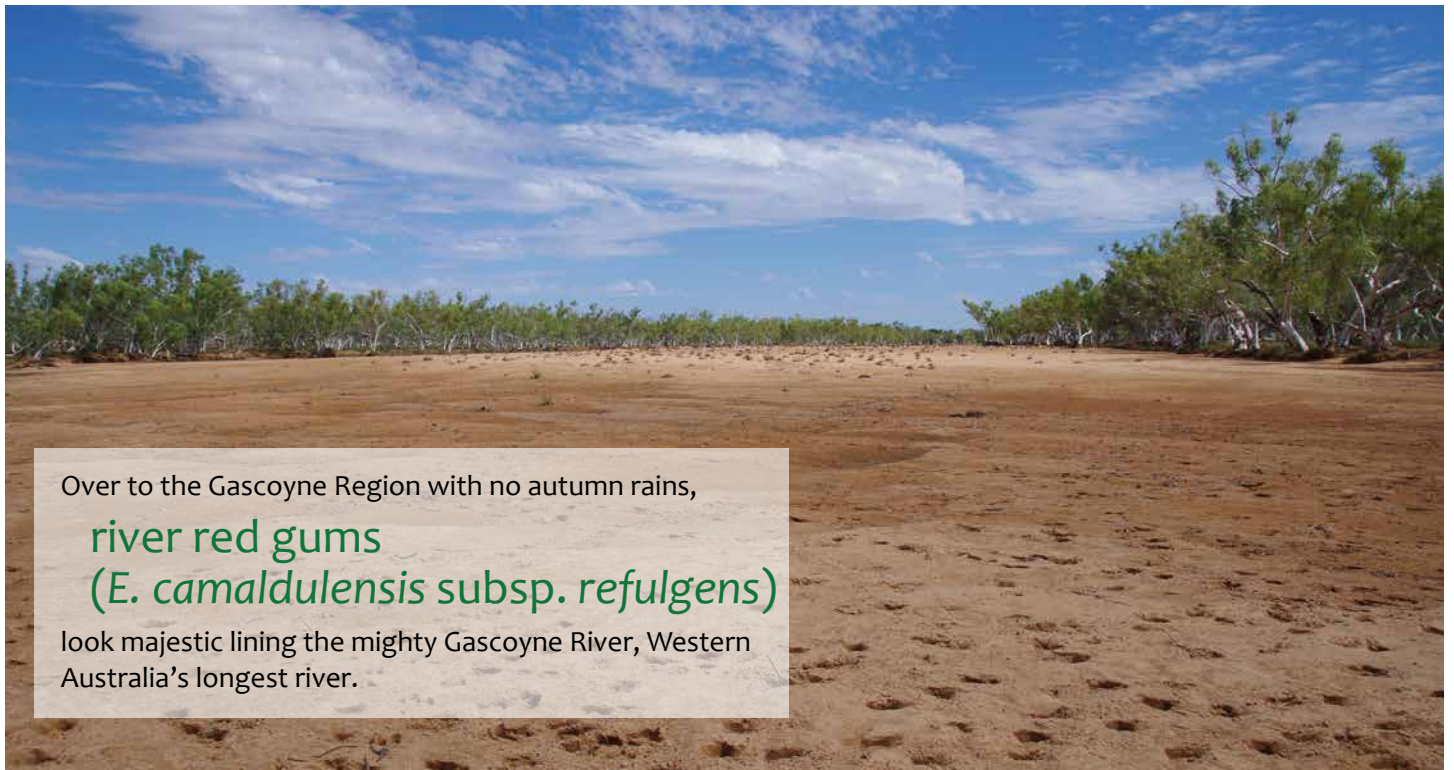
Interesting habit of *Corymbia ferritcola*.



Corymbia ferritcola north of Meekatharra.

Further north towards Newman,
smooth-barked coolibah
(*Eucalyptus victrix*)
reflects superbly over autumn pools.





Over to the Gascoyne Region with no autumn rains,
river red gums
(*E. camaldulensis* subsp. *refulgens*)
look majestic lining the mighty Gascoyne River, Western
Australia's longest river.

An earlier image at Coongan River Gorge,
north of Marble Bar, depicts the very
glossy, green leaves which differentiate
E. camaldulensis subsp. *refulgens* from the
other subspecies of river red gums across
Australia which have less glossy or dull,
green to grey-green leaves.



In the far south at Bremer Bay, this
ridge-fruited mallee
(*E. angulosa*)

is determined not to go swimming.



White-leaved mallee (*E. albida*)

with its bright green adult leaves confined to the upper crown, stands out across this northern wheatbelt sandplain, west of Three Springs.

Note the whitish juvenile leaves near ground level which contrast with the bright green adult leaves.



E. albida, Eneabba - Three Springs Road, south-west of Three Springs.

Early May, a well-planned

desert & goldfields trip

was met with unseasonal rains in the Balladonia region, so off to the dry north-western goldfields to research taxa from the *E. orbifolia* group, including the little-known *E. educta*.

Along the way it's great to see the goldfield eucalypts looking great, such as *E. capillosa*, *E. clelandii* and *E. salubris*.



E. clelandii, Metzke Find mine area



E. capillosa on breakaways.



E. salubris, Metzke Find region, north-west of Menzies



Always great to see the minniritchi-barked acacias, this one on granite at Oodabunna Station, north-east of Paynes Find.





Rarely cultivated,

Eucalyptus educta

is certain to become one of Australia's favourite cultivated eucalypts.



Eucalyptus petraea
snug in its usual granite habitat on Wardagga Hill.



Before winter sets in, just had to go to

Bluff Knoll

in the Stirling Range, the highest mountain in the south of WA, at 1,099 metres.

Three days later it snowed on Bluff Knoll!



Accompanist, Ian Morgan from Mudgee, NSW, at the summit.

From the summit of Bluff Knoll, looking east to Peak Ellen.

The tortuous track up Bluff Knoll, with
marri (*C. calophylla*)
on the left,
jarrah (*E. marginata*)
on the right.



Bullich
(*E. megacarpa*),

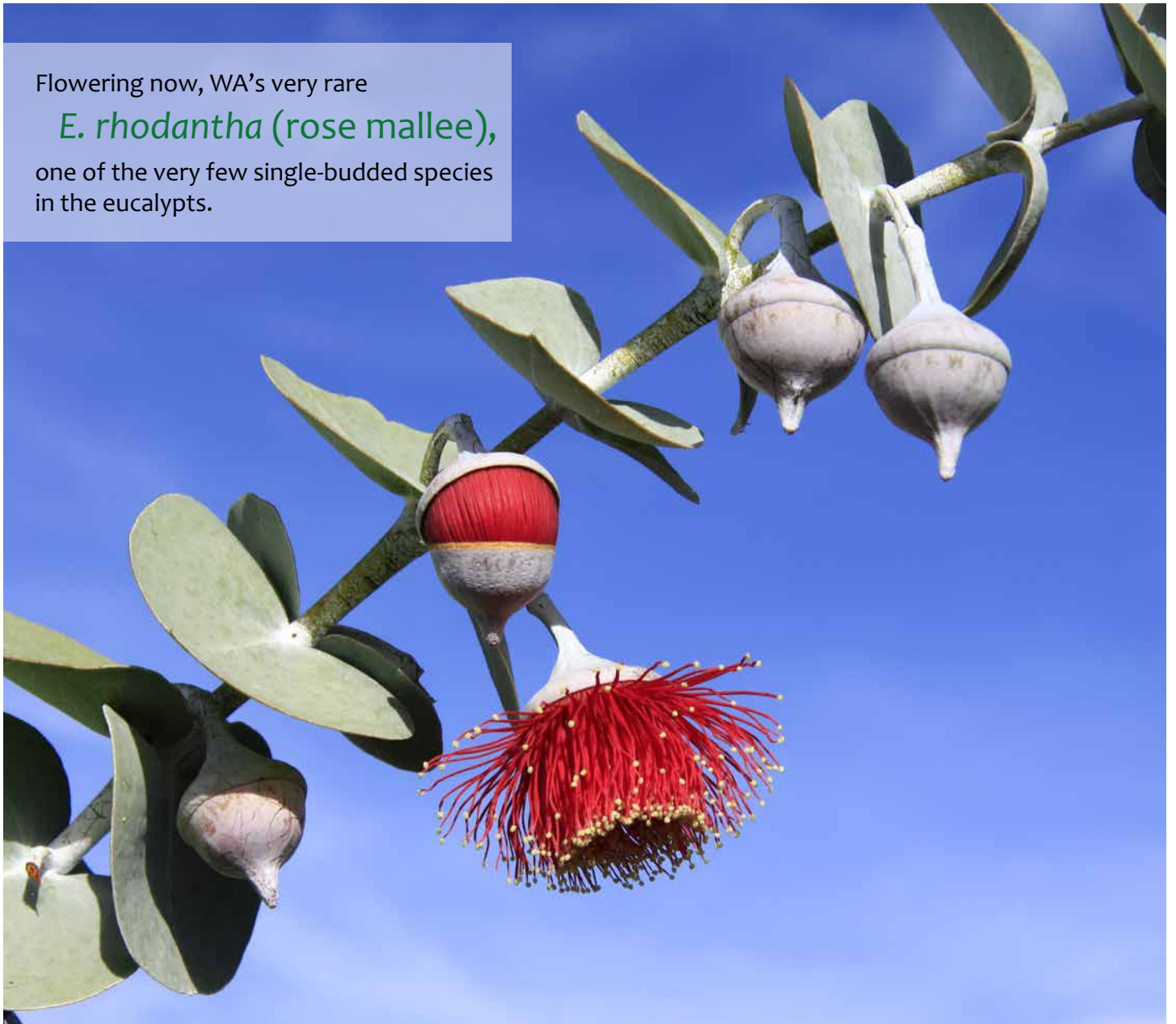
the highest altitude eucalypt in southern WA, here at 800 metres above sea level. The highest seen was at 920 metres.



A grove of *E. megacarpa*, at home on Bluff Knoll. ↗

Flowering now, WA's very rare

E. rhodantha (rose mallee),
one of the very few single-budded species
in the eucalypts.



Any comments or questions, please contact me at
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Happy eucalypting!

Regards, Malcolm French



Eucalyptus educta buds and flowers