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to the first edition of 2017, which is shaping up as a top eucalypt year!

Just prior to Christmas I had the chance to visit the Die Hardy Range and the nearby Pigeon Rocks, north-west of Southern Cross. My last visit here in 1999 saw the vegetation in very poor health so it was good to see the *Eucalyptus orbifolia* (round-leaved mallee) population at the rocks and the *E. formanii* (feather mallee) population on the ranges looking great.



*Eucalyptus orbifolia*

*Eucalyptus orbifolia*, Pigeon Rocks





*Eucalyptus formanii*, Die Hardy Range



*Eucalyptus formanii* on banded ironstone with a kurrajong, Die Hardy Range

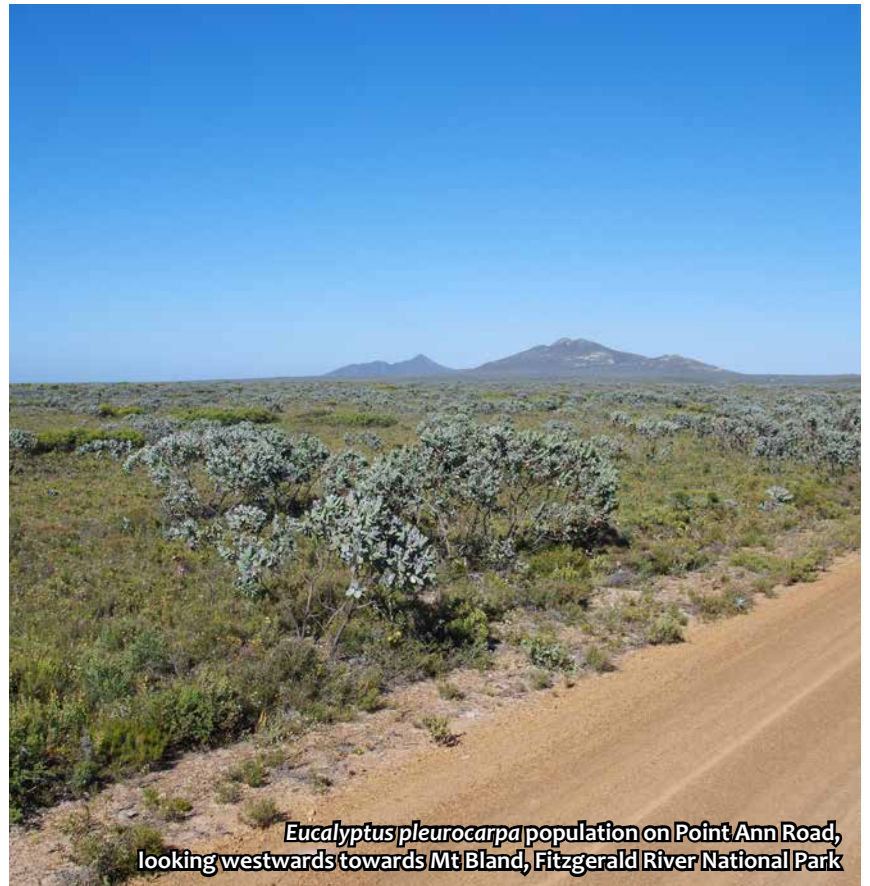


Over the Christmas-New Year break , with good weather for taking images, it was off to the fabulous south coast of WA.

On the trip, I was amazed how

### *Eucalyptus pleurocarpa* (blue mallee)

seemed to ‘jump’ into my images. So here is a small rendition on *E. pleurocarpa* coastal habitats...



*Eucalyptus pleurocarpa* population on Point Ann Road, looking westwards towards Mt Bland, Fitzgerald River National Park



*Eucalyptus pleurocarpa*, Point Ann, Fitzgerald River National Park





*Eucalyptus pleurocarpa*, Bremer River, north-west of Bremer Bay



*Eucalyptus pleurocarpa*, Quoin Head, Fitzgerald River National Park



## Why go to Quoin Head?

Well, it is rather special, plus the very rare, exquisite *Eucalyptus mcquoidii* (Quoin Head marlock) resides on the coastal ridge overlooking the headland.







Quoin Head , Fitzgerald River National Park



Quoin Head Estuary, Fitzgerald River National Park



*Eucalyptus mcquoidii*, Quoin Head, Fitzgerald River National Park



*Eucalyptus decurva*  
(slender mallee)

on the Quoin Head track looking  
southwards to the Whoogarup Range,  
Fitzgerald River National Park.







*Eucalyptus sinuosa*



*Eucalyptus sinuosa*

Whilst in the south, I took the opportunity to photograph one of our very rare 'specials',

## *Eucalyptus sinuosa* (octopus mallee),

so named for the long, sinewy bud caps, the longest in the genus.



*Eucalyptus sinuosa*, Peniup Nature Reserve, west of Gairdner. Note *E. pleurocarpa* notifying its presence again!



Nice to find another rare species flowering, the red-flowering

*Eucalyptus nutans*  
(Bremer moort)

which is confined to just two known populations near Bremer Bay.



*Eucalyptus nutans*



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Encountered

*Eucalyptus pachyloma*  
(Kalgan Plains mallee)

flowering, conspicuous with its orange-red buds.



*Eucalyptus pachyloma*



*Eucalyptus pachyloma*



## Coastal conditions

can have a major influence on the growth habit of eucalypts and plants in general, as evidenced in an earlier image here of *Eucalyptus pleurocarpa* at Point Ann in the Fitzgerald River National Park. However the following image is an extreme example! Yes, the depiction here is of *Corymbia calophylla* (marri) found

just east of the most south-westerly point of Australia, where the salt laden winds blow almost unabated. Marri (also known as red gum) usually grows from 10 to 20 metres tall and in the southern forests to 60 metres. Here it is just ½ a metre tall!



*Corymbia calophylla* (marri), west of Augusta, near Cape Leeuwin.

Looking forward to visiting the [Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens](#) at Port Augusta on the **25<sup>th</sup> March** and talking on my favourite WA eucalypts. Here I will be joined by colleague Dean Nicolle who will be talking on his new books, *Smaller & Taller Eucalypts for Planting*.

Incidentally, Dean is visiting Perth in mid May and has a talk booked at [Kings Park](#) on the **18<sup>th</sup> May**, with other talks in Perth being also planned for mid May.

Any comments or questions, please contact me at [mef@eucalyptsofwa.com.au](mailto:mef@eucalyptsofwa.com.au)

Happy eucalypting!

Regards, Malcolm French



*Eucalyptus youngiana*, Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, Port Augusta