

Eucalyptus angulosa overlooking Little Beach.





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## Fitzgerald River National Park,

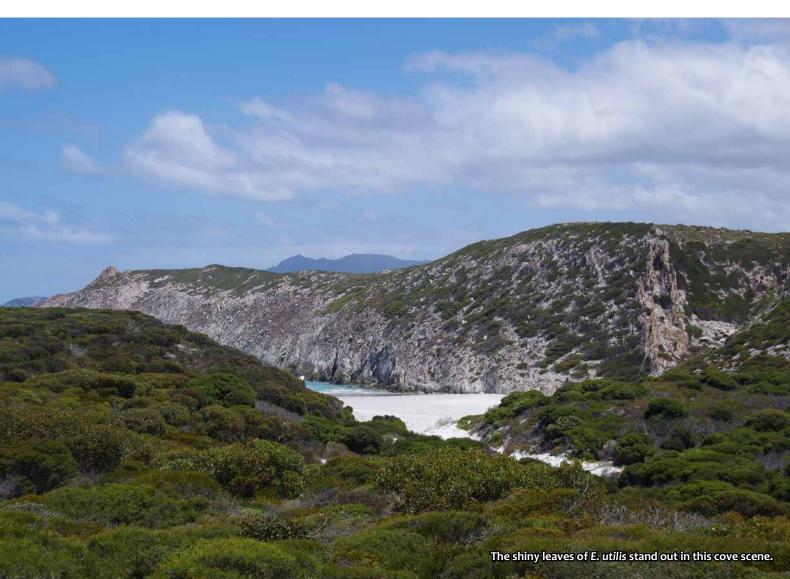
in the Whalebone Beach area, west of Hopetoun. A eucalypt is actually growing in this Whalebone Beach scene! A depauperate, wind-swept

# Eucalyptus utilis (coastal moort),

only a third of one metre high. On more sheltered sites it grows taller, up to 14 metres tall.



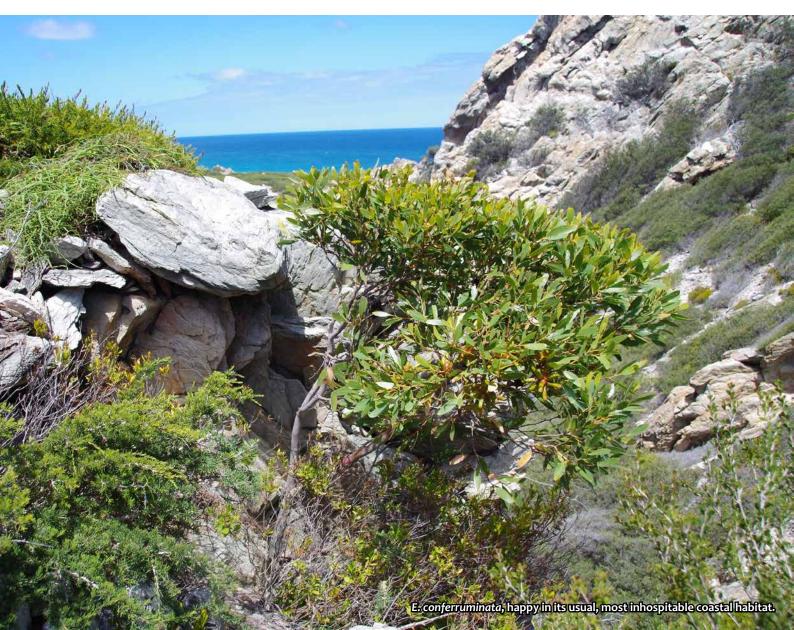




Why go to Whalebone Beach? To search for one of our largest-budded eucalypts,

Eucalyptus conferruminata subsp. conferruminata (Bald Island marlock), and found!







Whilst in the Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe area, a visit to

No Tree Hill,

to see the rare

# Eucalyptus sepulcralis (weeping mallee)

flowering. To find them swaying gently in a slight breeze in sync with each other like an orchestra is a must for all eucalypt enthusiasts! Harmony indeed.











In March, Dean Nicolle and Russell Barrett described a new and rare eucalypt from the Kimberley,

#### Eucalyptus revelata,

in the Western Australian Herbarium's scientific journal Nuytsia.

Check out the great field work employed in describing this new species, plus the brilliant images used in support.

Nicolle D. & Barrett R.L. (2018). Eucalyptus revelata, a rare new species related to E. mooreana (Myrtaceae) from the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Nuytsia 29: 109–118.

https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/science/nuytsia/873.pdf



Also in the same journal was the recognition of a modified name for one of our favourite Goldfields eucalypts, Cleland's blackbutt, previously known as *E. clelandii* and now known as

#### Eucalyptus clelandiorum.

Dean Nicolle explains why the spelling has been modified from 'clelandii' to 'clelandiorum':

"In accordance with the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (IBCN), if a scientific name (the epithet) is honouring a person whose name ends in a consonant (with some exceptions), the epithet is formed by adding 'ii' to the person's name if a male, or 'iae' if a female, or 'iorum' if more than one person is being honoured.

In this case, the species was named in honour of Mr. A.F. Cleland, a civil engineer from Kurrawang, <u>AND</u> Dr. J. Burton Cleland, nephew of the above. Thus, the epithet must end with 'iorum' (as E. clelandiorum), as more than one person is being honoured in the name."

E. clelandiorum is distinguished from another blackbutt species from the Goldfields of WA, E. lesouefii (Goldfields blackbutt), by its greyer leaves, smaller buds and smaller, less ribbed fruits.









By the way, did you know we now have an official

#### National Eucalypt Day?

Yes, it's the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March each year. National Eucalypt Day was initiated by Eucalypt Australia, a trust dedicated to promoting Australia's eucalypts. The 23<sup>rd</sup> of March is the birthday of their benefactor Bjarne K Dahl.

This year, there were many events across Australia, including one held by the Jerdacuttup Primary School, south-east of Ravensthorpe. Teachers and pupils on eucalypt study excursions, led by well-known ecologist Nathan McQuoid, went to various locations throughout the eucalypt-diverse

### Ravensthorpe region.

At my last count, the region, which includes most of the Ravensthorpe Shire and eastern parts of the Fitzgerald River National Park, has an incredible diversity of eucalypts, with 65 species.

I am pleased to advise that Dean Nicolle and myself will soon be publishing a comprehensive book on the eucalypts of the south-west of Western Australia, including the Ravensthorpe region.

One does not readily associate the majestic salmon gum with the sub-coastal regions of Western Australia, but here at Ravensthorpe (50 kilometres from the coast), the

#### salmon gum, Eucalyptus salmonophloia,

is very much at home in the region's loamy soils.













Many of our eucalypts flower during the late summer months, and certainly one of our favourites,

Corymbia ficifolia (WA red-flowering gum),

from the Walpole area, put on a grand display.







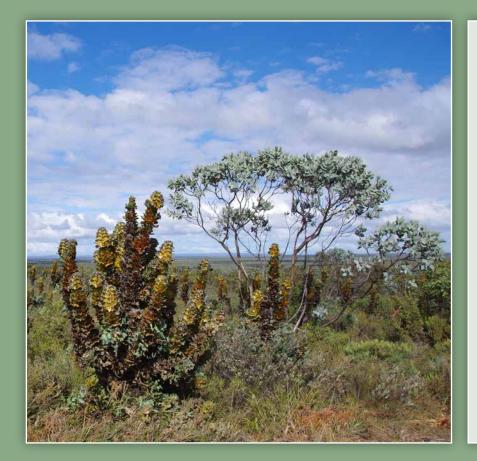
The little known species

# Eucalyptus acies (Woolbernup mallee)

was also flowering splendidly to the northeast of Albany.







On leaving the park, here on Gairdner Road, the royal hakea (Hakea victoriae) is taking centre stage, as it should, with Eucalyptus pleurocarpa (blue mallee).

And here I say farewell, and the best of eucalypting to you.

Much regards, Malcolm

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