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Hello, and welcome to EucMedia 3. Any comments or questions, please contact me under mef@eucalyptsofwa.com.au.

Best wishes.
Malcolm French

National Eucalypt Day 23rd March 2015

Did you know the 23rd of March is now proclaimed 'National Eucalypt Day' in Australia? Yes! The first celebration of the day was initiated by the board of the Bjarne K Dahl Trust and was held last year at Lake Mountain in Victoria.

This year the trust celebrated the day in partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. It presented the inaugural Bjarne K Dahl Medal to Dean Nicolle of Currency Creek Arboretum, for his outstanding contribution to eucalypt conservation and education.

► <http://dahltrust.org.au/>

Check the link out and you will see that the author here received special recognition by way of the Order of Australia Medal 2015 for conservation and environment work in Western Australia. Very honoured indeed.



Exceptional eucalypt field trip

The following link will take you on a journey to some of Australia's most remote, rarely visited desert regions. Join Dean Nicolle and myself as we go eucalypt hunting, 2008 style.

Click below or copy link to see the video.

http://www.eucalyptsofwa.com.au/EucMedia/The_Eucalypt_Hunters.html



Marcelle Stirling, eucalypt artist

Had a visit last year from Marcelle & Graham Stirling from Moggill, western Brisbane, Queensland, who were keen to see one of our favourite eucalypts, *Eucalyptus caesia*, in the wild. Turns out Marcelle has a PhD in Biology and a passion for painting eucalypts in her spare time. Here is some of her special work depicting eucalypts occurring in Western Australia.



Corymbia ptychocarpa, 'swamp bloodwood', Kimberley WA, NT & Qld.



Corymbia polycarpa, 'long-fruited bloodwood',
Kimberley WA, NT & Qld.



Eucalyptus pachyphylla, 'red-budded mallee',
northern deserts of WA, NT & Qld.



Eucalyptus phoenicea, 'scarlet gum',
Kimberley WA, NT & Qld.



Eucalyptus youngiana, 'Ooldea mallee',
Great Victoria Desert WA & SA.

Signature eucalypt

No doubt about it: a visit to the natural habitat of *Eucalyptus torquata*, the ‘coral gum’ of the Coolgardie district, when the species is flowering in the spring months, is always special. Last year was extra special with mass flowerings across the local hills around Coolgardie in the Goldfields. It’s easy to see why ‘coral gum’ is one of Australia’s favourite planted species.

Photos below left courtesy of Dean Nicolle.



New subspecies published

A new subspecies of the very rare coastal and island species from east of Esperance, *E. insularis*, has been named. *Eucalyptus insularis* subsp. *insularis* is known only from North Twin Peak Island, with the newly-named *E. insularis* subsp. *continentalis* being restricted to the mainland near Cape Le Grand.



Nicolle D, Brooker MIH and French ME (2014). A new subspecies of the threatened monocalypt *Eucalyptus insularis* (Myrtaceae) from Western Australia. *Nuytsia* 24: 249-253. [Link to article](#)