



EucMedia

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Nice to have a rainbow introduction to welcome you to **EucMedia 9**, a photo gallery of my travels in WA over the last six months.



Smooth-barked form of *Eucalyptus horistes*, commonly occurring on sandy lake margins in the western Goldfields of WA.

Taken on a quick trip to the
western goldfields
in July, with
Eucalyptus polita
(Parker Range mallet)
and
Eucalyptus sheathiana
(ribbon-barked mallee).



E. polita, south-east of Marvel Loch.



E. sheathiana, south-east of Marvel Loch.

Eucalyptus salubris (gimlet)

is always a must in the eucalypt image lineup. Gimlets are mallets (small trees that lack a lignotuber and are killed by fire, regenerating only from seeds) and often form dense stands, as depicted below.



E. salubris bark.

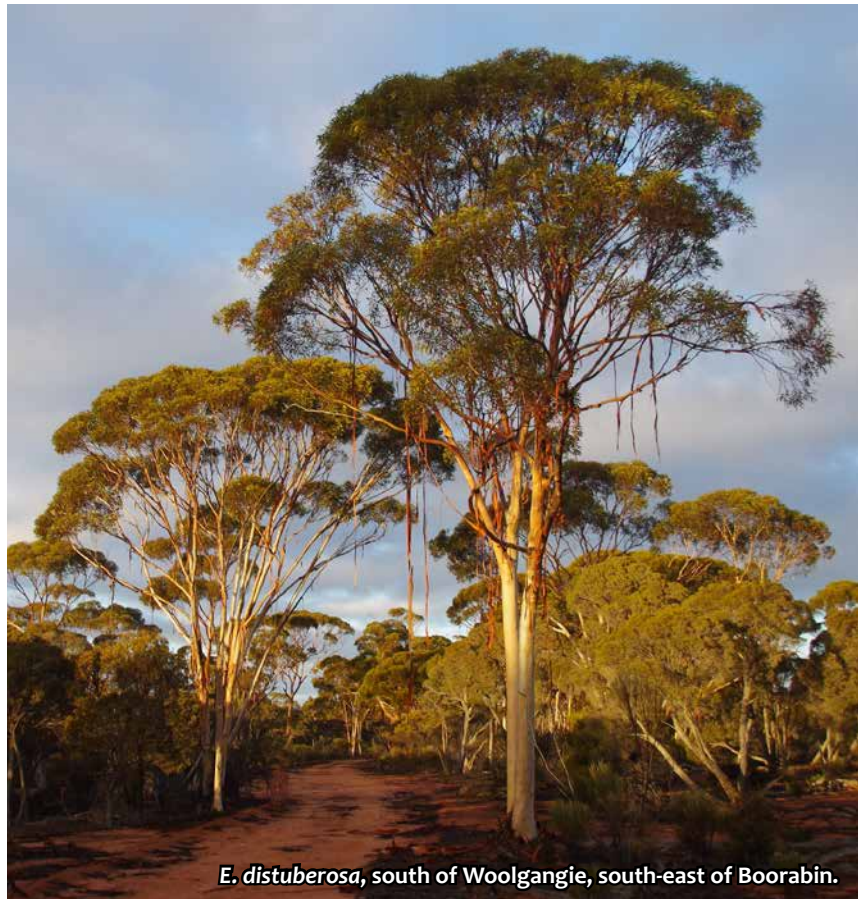


E. salubris, south-east of Marvel Loch.

The showy

Eucalyptus distuberosa
(capped mallet)

with its long ribbons of shedding bark is very special.



E. distuberosa, south of Woolgangie, south-east of Boorabin.



E. distuberosa, south of Woolgangie, south-east of Boorabin.



E. salmonophloia on the left, *E. distuberosa* on the right,
lake side south of Woolbangie.

September down to Point Hillier,
south-west of Denmark, to
photograph the most rare

Eucalyptus goniantha
subsp. *kynoura*
(Point Hillier mallee).

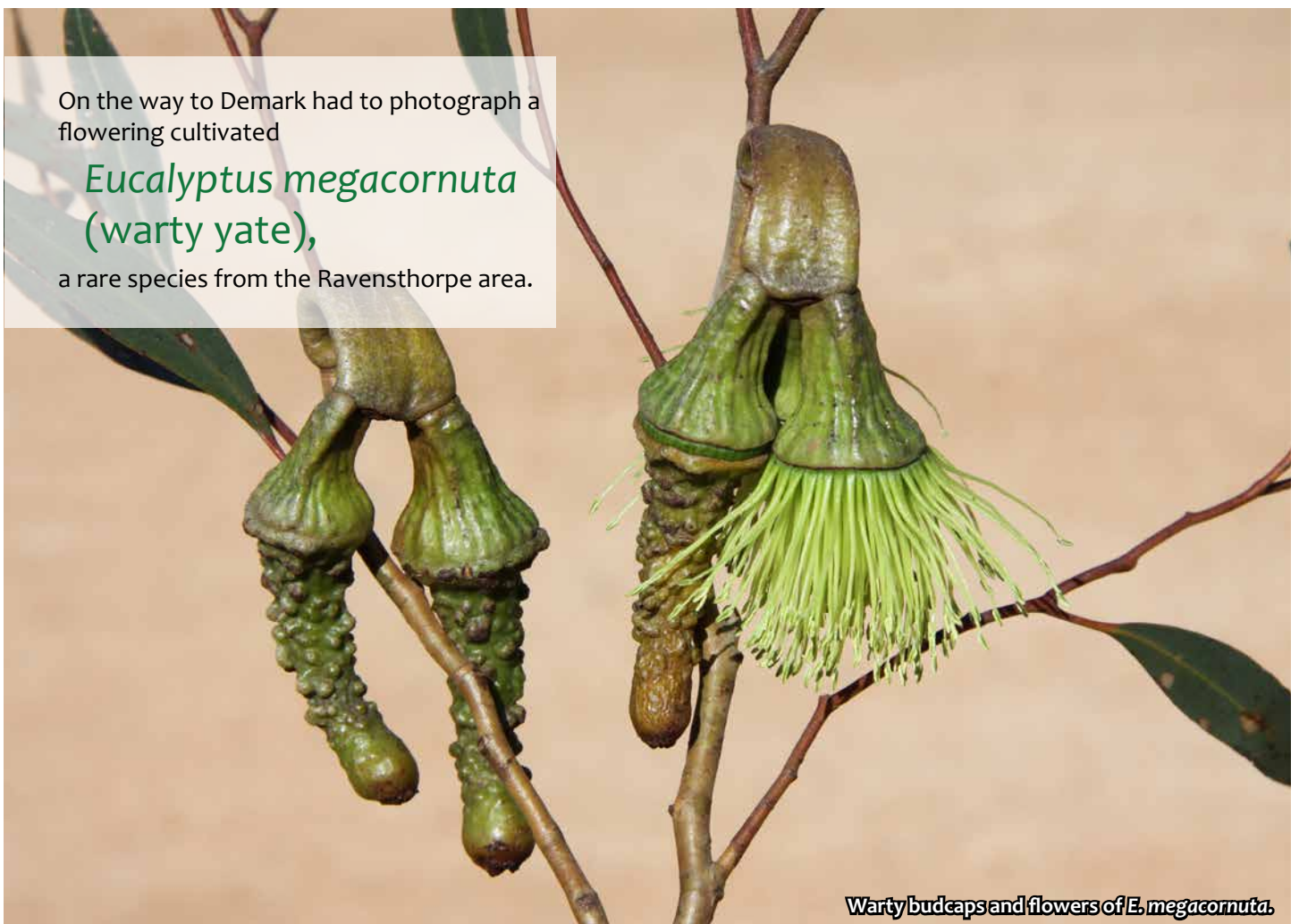
This species occurs mid slope of the
point, the only known population.



Point Hillier, south-west of Denmark.



Eucalyptus goniantha subsp. *kynoura* at Point Hillier, south-west of Denmark.



On the way to Demark had to photograph a flowering cultivated

Eucalyptus megacornuta
(warty yate),

a rare species from the Ravensthorpe area.

Warty budcaps and flowers of *E. megacornuta*.

Eucalyptus rameliana
(Giles's mallee),

from the Little Sandy Desert of WA in
flower at Mt Caroline farm, south-west of
Kellerberrin.



Late rains in October in the Central
Wheatbelt confirmed a wildflower
flush at

Mt Caroline Reserve,
south of Kellerberrin.



November a quick visit to the Exmouth-Ashburton region, where several limestone-loving endemics occur at Cape Range, south-west of Exmouth:

Eucalyptus ultima
(Exmouth mallee) &
Eucalyptus prominens
(Cape Range mallee).



E. ultima, pure limestone cliff, Cape Range.





E. prominens, Cape Range.



E. prominens, Cape Range.

Also common on the Cape Range are

Corymbia hamersleyana
(Hamersley bloodwood) &
Eucalyptus xerothermica
(Pilbara box).



E. xerothermica, Cape Range.



C. hamersleyana, Cape Range.

200 km east of Exmouth on the North West Coastal Highway is the common

Corymbia zygophylla
(Broome bloodwood).



Buds and flowers of *C. zygophylla*.



C. zygophylla, Towera Road, south-east of Exmouth.

Also in November in the far south, just north of Albany, a new walkway was opened in the stunning Porongorup Range, known as the

Walitj Meil Walk Trail

with 17 interpretive signs. A must next time you're in the south.



The majestic *E. diversicolor* (karri) with the Porongorup Range in the background.

YATE

THE PORONGURUPS

THE NOTABLE YATE

Eucalyptus cornuta has showy clusters of long thin horn-shaped bud caps with distinctive yellow-green flowers that attract nectar feeders and insects.

Known as yate, it was the first endemic Western Australian eucalypt to be collected in 1792 by French botanist Jacques Labillardiere at Observatory Island and later described in *Relations du Voyage a la Recherche de la Perouse*.

With dark grey furrowed bark on the trunk, and the smooth pale grey-brown bark on the upper branches, yate grows in varied conditions; in the Porongorup it has adapted to damp soil.



Yate buds opening into flowers.
Photo © Malcolm French

Yate is renowned as one of the world's hardest timbers and observed by botanist Baron Ferdinand von Mueller in 1867 during an expedition to the south-west including the Porongorup:

"... [Yate] ... very hard wood is splendid for agricultural implements, boat-ribs, and is for wheelwrights' work as good as that of *Eucalyptus loxophleba* [York gum], while for cart-shafts it is regarded as equal to the best English ash-wood".

Baron Ferdinand von Mueller published his book in 1879, *Eucalyptographia: A Descriptive Atlas. Eucalypts of Australia and Adjoining Islands*.

Yate trees on Woodlands Road,
Porongorup.
Photo © Malcolm French



One of the interpretive signs for *E. cornuta*.

Every farm should have a few of this species that is a favourite for the birds;

Eucalyptus macrocarpa
subsp. *elachantha*
(small-leaved mottlecah).



Eucalyptus macrocarpa subsp. *elachantha*, Mt Caroline Farm.

Any comments or questions, please contact me at
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Happy eucalypting, and have a super Christmas!

Regards, Malcolm French



Eucalyptus macrocarpa subsp. *elachantha* flowers.