



Sunshine Coast

# Wildflower Festival

19 August - 3 September 2023

Enjoy guided walks and activities.

Bookings are essential. See each listing for booking details.

Find out more about the Wildflower Festival on the website



Friends of  
Ben Bennett  
Bushland Park



DATE AND TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Saturday 19 August</b> 8-9am	Ben Bennett Bushland Park – Children’s Walk	Caloundra
<b>Saturday 19 August</b> 9.30-11.30am	Ben Bennett Bushland Park Guided Walk	Caloundra
<b>Saturday 19 August</b> 10am-12pm	The Backyard Series Workshop – Designing Coastal Gardens’	Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha
<b>Sunday 20 August</b> 9.30-11.30am	Marcus Wildflower Guided Walk	Marcus Beach
<b>Tuesday 22 August</b> 9-11am	Glass House Mountains National Park, Scientific Area 1	Beerwah
<b>Wednesday 23 August</b> 9-11am	Noosa National Park Wildflower Walk	Sunshine Beach
<b>Wednesday 23 August</b> 8.30-10.30am	Wonders of the Wallum Spring Wildflower Walk	Banksia Beach, Bribie Island
<b>Saturday 24 August</b> 8:30-10:30am	Mooloolah River National Park Guided Walk	Mooloolaba River National Park, Sippy Downs
<b>Saturday 26 August</b> 9.30-11am	Banksia Plant Stories Guided Walk	Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha
<b>Saturday 26 August</b> 8.30-10.30am	Wonders of the Wallum Spring Wildflower Walk	Banksia Beach, Bribie Island
<b>Sunday 27 August</b> 8-10am	Wildflower Walk Marcus Dune	Noosa National Park, East Weyba Section, Marcus Beach
<b>Sunday 27 August</b> 10-11.30am	Mangrove Boardwalk at Weyba Creek	Weyba Creek Conservation Park, Noosaville.
<b>Sunday 27 August</b> 11am-12pm	Bee and Bug Spotting among the Wildflowers	Banksia Beach, Bribie Island
<b>Tuesday 29 August</b> 9am -12pm	Paddle and explore Ewen Maddock Dam	Mooloolah Valley
<b>Wednesday 30 August</b> 9-11am	Glasshouse Mountains National Park, Beerburrum Section Guided Walk	Beerburrum

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<b>Thursday 31 August</b> 9am-12pm	Arthur Harrold Nature Refuge Guided Walk	Tewantin
<b>Thursday 31 August</b> 9.30-11am	Isabel Jordan Bushland Reserve Guided Walk	Caloundra
<b>Saturday 2 September</b> 9-11am	Currimundi Lake (Kathleen McArthur) Conservation Park	Currimundi
<b>Saturday 2 September</b> 9-11am	Tewantin National Park Wildflower Walk	Noosaville
<b>Saturday 2 September</b> 10am-12pm	The Backyard Series Workshop – Bring Birds into Your Garden	Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha
<b>Saturday 2 September</b> 2-3.30pm	Surprise at Marcoola	Marcoola
<b>Sunday 3 September</b> 9-11am	Casual walk through the wallum country of west Coolum	Coolum Beach
<b>Sunday 3 September</b> 2-3pm	Vistas of Mt Gul'um	Marcoola
<b>Ongoing during the festival</b>		
<b>18 August – 3 September</b> <b>Friday to Mondays</b> 9am and 3pm	Wonders of the wallum – Bribie Island Wildflower Walks	Bribie Island National Park, Bribie Island
<b>Outside festival period</b>		
<b>Saturday 5 August</b> 9-11am	The Backyard Series Workshop – Beautiful Groundcovers	Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha
<b>Sunday 10 September</b> 9.30-11am	Australian Wildflowers for Creative Inspiration Guided Walk	Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens, Tanawha

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**SATURDAY 19 AUGUST, 8 – 9AM**

## Ben Bennett Bushland Park - Children's Walk

A short walk for young children and their parents hunting for wildflower treasures in this patch of bushland close to the heart of Caloundra. Wear a hat and sturdy shoes. Toilets and picnic tables are onsite.

**Bookings:**

E: [sunshine@wildlife.org.au](mailto:sunshine@wildlife.org.au)  
(Maximum 20 participants)

**Location:**

Ben Bennett Bushland Park,  
Queen Street, Caloundra

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**SATURDAY 19 AUGUST, 9.30 – 11.30AM**

## Ben Bennett Bushland Park - Guided Walk

A perfect introductory short walk into the wildflowers. Come and discover this diverse patch of bushland in the heart of Caloundra with the Friends of Ben Bennett Bushland Park and Wildlife Preservation Society. Bring water, insect repellent and binoculars for the birds. Toilets on-site.

**Bookings:**

E: [sunshine@wildlife.org.au](mailto:sunshine@wildlife.org.au)  
(Maximum 30 participants)

**Location:**

Ben Bennett Bushland Park,  
Queen Street, Caloundra

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**SATURDAY 19 AUGUST, 10 – 12 PM**

## The Backyard Series Workshop – Designing coastal gardens

Join us at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden for The Backyard Series workshop 'Designing Coastal Gardens: Wallum flowers and selecting for sandy soils' with Tim Lang from Coolum Community Native Nursery.

**Cost:** \$20

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)  
(Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:**

Maroochy Regional,  
Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha

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**SUNDAY 20 AUGUST, 9.30 – 11.30AM**

## Marcus Wildflower Guided Walk

Discover wildflowers and a diverse range of vegetation in wet and dry heathlands and woodlands with Noosa Integrated Catchment Association guides and Wildflower Women. Distance 2.2km return. Please wear walking shoes and bring a hat, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Species list provided.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)  
(Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:**

Hawthorn Park,  
Hawthorn Grove, Marcus Beach



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TUESDAY 22 AUGUST, 9 – 11AM

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## Glass House Mountains National Park, Scientific Area 1

Take a journey through the wildflowers with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers and learn more about this healthy wonderland and all it has to offer. The colour, the close-ups – be amazed at this stunning explosion of nature at its best. Bring your camera and take some great images or just enjoy the scenic walk. Bookings essential. Please wear covered in shoes and bring a hat and drinking water.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 15 participants)

**Location:**

Glass House Mountains, National Park, Scientific Area, Mawsons Road gate entrance.

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WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST, 9 – 11AM

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## Noosa National Park Wildflower Walk

Join Noosa Integrated Catchment Association guides for a beautiful wildflower walk in the Headland Section of the park. Explore the range of different communities including wet eucalypt forest and spectacular dry heath. Distance 2.2km loop. Please wear walking shoes and bring a hat, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Species list provided.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:**

Park entrance, Parkedge Road, Sunshine Beach

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WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST, 8.30 – 10.30AM

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## Wonders of the Wallum Spring Wildflower Walk

The Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association welcomes visitors to join our annual 'Wonders of the Wallum Spring Wildflower Walk.' This is a self-guided walk through the Wallum heathland of Bribie Island National Park, with plaques identifying wildflowers along the route - come at any time during the 2-hour window to walk at your leisure. Please wear walking shoes, long sleeves, and a hat, and bring sunscreen and water for the walk. A camera and binoculars are recommended.

**Bookings:**

E: [info@biepa.online](mailto:info@biepa.online); Ph: 0477 322 108

(Maximum 120 participants, 15 per group)

**Location:**

Bribie Island National Park. Starting at The Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach

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THURSDAY 24 AUGUST, 9 – 11AM

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## Mooloolah River National Park Guided Walk

Take a journey through the wildflowers with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers and learn more about this hidden wonderland and all it has to offer. The colour, the close-ups – be amazed at this stunning explosion of nature at its best. Bring your camera and take some great images or just enjoy the scenic walk. Bookings essential. Please wear covered in shoes and bring a hat and drinking water.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 15 participants)

**Location:**

Mooloolah River National Park, Claymore Road carpark, Sippy Downs



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SATURDAY 26 AUGUST, 8.30 – 10.30AM

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## Wonders of the Wallum Spring Wildflower Walk

The Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association welcomes visitors to join our annual 'Wonders of the Wallum Spring Wildflower Walk.' This is a self-guided walk through the Wallum heathland of Bribie Island National Park, with plaques identifying wildflowers along the route - come at any time during the 2-hour window to walk at your leisure. Please wear walking shoes, long sleeves, and a hat, and bring sunscreen and water for the walk. A camera and binoculars are recommended.

### Bookings:

E: [info@biepa.online](mailto:info@biepa.online); Ph: 0477 322 108  
(Maximum 120 participants, 15 per group)

### Location:

Bribie Island National Park. Starting at The Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach

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SATURDAY 26 AUGUST, 9.30 – 11AM

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## Banksia Plant Stories Guided Walk

Few plants are more closely identified with the popular image of Australian flora than Banksias. Come on an historical and botanical journey with a trained guide in the delightful grounds of the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden. Hear about renowned Botanist Sir Joseph Banks after whom the Banksia species were named. Please wear closed-in shoes and a hat, and bring sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle.

Cost: \$20



### Bookings:

[Book via website here](#)  
(Maximum 15 participants)

### Location:

Maroochy Regional Bushland  
Botanic Garden, Tanawha

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SUNDAY 27 AUGUST, 8 – 10AM

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## Wildflower Walk Marcus Dune

Join the Wildflower Appreciation Association for their August walk in the wet and dry heath on Marcus High Dune with the wildflowers. Learn botany and ecology all whilst admiring the wildflowers. Compile and share findings from the day via iNaturalist. Please wear closed-in shoes and sun protective clothing and bring sunscreen and bug spray. Photographers and nature journalers are welcome to join in.

### Bookings:

[Book via website here](#)  
(Maximum 11 participants)

### Location:

David Low Way, Marcus Beach –  
Noosa National Park,  
East Weyba Section

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SUNDAY 27 AUGUST, 10 – 11.30AM

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## Mangrove Boardwalk at Weyba Creek

Discover the mysteries of mangroves with Noosa Integrated Catchment Association guides. Learn about the importance of mangroves and how to identify the species growing here in Noosa. Distance 1.5km return, bring hat, water sunscreen, insect repellent, and walking shoes. Species list provided.



**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:**

Weyba Creek  
Conservation Park

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**SUNDAY 27 AUGUST, 11AM – 12PM**

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## Bee and Bug Spotting among the Wildflowers - Bribie Island National Park

Join wild bee scientist Dr Kit Prendergast, aka the Bee Babette, for a guided bee and bug walk among the wildflowers. Spring is the time when insects start buzzing, and Dr Kit has a wealth of knowledge about which flowers are drawcards for insects, how to identify insects, and she will share with you engaging and entertaining facts about their ecology and behaviour. Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and your phone or camera.

**Cost:** \$15 per person, \$5 children U10

**Bookings:**

E: [kitprendergast21@gmail.com](mailto:kitprendergast21@gmail.com)  
(Maximum 15 participants)

**Location:** The Bribie

Island Community Arts Centre,  
Banksia Beach

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**TUESDAY 29 AUGUST, 9AM – 12PM**

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## Paddle and explore Ewen Maddock Dam

Explore the habitats of Ewen Maddock Dam on a guided kayak and bush walk tour with Sunshine Coast Council's Gordon Agnew and Kenneth McClymont. BYO canoe/kayak, paddle and life jacket. Meeting location may change based on wind direction. Activity may be cancelled if experiencing challenging weather conditions – notifications will be sent by 10am the day prior.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 15 participants)

**Location:**

Maddock Park, Ewen Maddock Dam,  
221 Connection Road, Mooloolah Valley

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**WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST, 9 – 11AM**

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## Glasshouse Mountains National Park (Beerburrum Section) Guided Walk

Take a journey through the wildflowers along the Soldier Settlers trail with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers and learn more about this hidden wonderland and all it has to offer. The colour, the close-ups – be amazed at this stunning explosion of nature at its best. Bring your camera and take some great images or just enjoy the scenic walk. Bookings essential. Please wear covered in shoes and bring a hat and drinking water.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 15 participants)

**Location:**

Mt Beerburrum trailhead,  
Beerburrum Road, Beerburrum



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THURSDAY 31 AUGUST, 9.30 – 11AM

## Isabel Jordan Bushland Reserve Guided Walk

Join members of the Wildlife Preservation Society for a closer look at wildflowers in this surprising patch of Wallum heath beside the busy Caloundra Road. Bring hat, water, sunscreen and insect repellent.

**Bookings:**

E: [sunshine@wildlife.org.au](mailto:sunshine@wildlife.org.au)  
(Maximum 30 participants)

**Location:**

Pathfinder Drive near Sunshine Coast  
Skydivers, Caloundra.

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THURSDAY 31 AUGUST, 9 – 12PM

## Arthur Harrold Nature Refuge Guided Walk

Discover the wildflowers, wallum heath and beautiful woodlands of the Noosa North Shore with Noosa Integrated Catchment Association guides. Please wear walking shoes and a hat for this 2km return walk, and bring sunscreen, insect repellent and water. Species list provided.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)  
(Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:**

Meet at the Noosa

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SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 9 – 11AM

## Currimundi Lake (Kathleen McArthur) Conservation Park

Experience the wonders of the Wallum heath in Currimundi Lake (Kathleen McArthur) Conservation Park with members of Wildlife Queensland - Sunshine Coast and Hinterland. Bring a hat, water, sunscreen and insect repellent. The tracks are flat and mostly sandy.

**Bookings:**

E: [sunshine@wildlife.org.au](mailto:sunshine@wildlife.org.au)  
(Maximum 30 participants)

**Location:**

Eastern end of Coongarra Esplanade,  
Currimundi

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SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 9 – 11 AM

## Tewantin National Park Wildflower Walk

Join Noosa District Landcare for a relaxed wildflower walk in Tewantin National Park. Enjoy wallum woodland and wet heath ecosystems that are brimming with diversity, texture and beauty. Please wear walking shoes and a hat for a 1.5km flat walk, and bring insect repellent, sunscreen and water. Species list provided.

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)  
(maximum 20 participants)

**Location:**

18 Cooba Place  
(Cr Cooba Place and Satinash St), Noosaville



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**SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 10 – 12 PM**

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## The Backyard Series Workshop – Bring Birds into Your Garden

Join us at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden for The Backyard Series workshop 'Bring Birds into Your Garden: Flowering plants for feathered friends' with Suzie Pearce from Florabunda Bushcare.

**Cost:** \$20

**Bookings:**

[Book via website here](#)

(Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:**

Maroochy Regional  
Bushland Botanic Garden,

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**SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 2 – 3.30 PM**

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## Surprise at Marcoola

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care invite you to join us on a guided walk through the southern portion of the Marcoola Section of Mt Coolum National Park. Community conservation volunteers will lead the walk supporting the interpretation of wildflower species supplied in Council brochures. Please wear covered shoes, hat, sunscreen, and bring water. NOTE – no pets are allowed in National Parks.

**Bookings:**

E: [tonyspirit3h@outlook.com](mailto:tonyspirit3h@outlook.com)

(Please provide number of participants, individual names, emails and phone numbers)  
(Maximum 30 participants)

**Location:**

Southern Portion Marcoola Section of the Mount Coolum National Park.

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**SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 9 – 11AM**

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## Casual walk through the wallum country of west Coolum

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care invite you to join us on a casual walk through the wallum wildflowers in the southern extent of Noosa National Park. Walking shoes, hats, sunscreen and water required.

**Bookings:**

Mark Bizzell P: 0431 123 419

(Maximum 35 participants)

**Location:**

School Road, Coolum State Primary School

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**SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2 – 3 PM**

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## Vistas of Mount Gul'um

Coolum and North Shore Coast Care invite you to join us on a guided walk through the northern portion of the Marcoola Section of Mt Coolum National Park. Vistas of Mount Gul'um is only a short walk off the David Low Way and is a great introduction to wildflowers, with views to Mount Gul'um. Community conservation volunteers will lead the walk supporting the interpretation of wildflower species supplied in Council brochures. Please wear covered shoes, hat, sunscreen, and bring water.

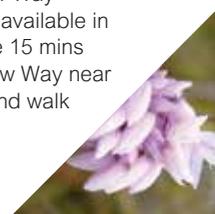
**Bookings:**

E: [tonyspirit3h@outlook.com](mailto:tonyspirit3h@outlook.com)

(Please provide number of participants, individual names, emails and phone numbers)  
(Maximum 30 participants)

**Location:**

Seaside Boulevard and David Low Way intersection, Marcoola (parking is available in Seaside Boulevard – please arrive 15 mins early, to safely cross the David Low Way near the bus stops and centre island and walk north along the park edge).



# Ongoing during the festival

FRIDAY TO MONDAYS, 18 AUG – 4 SEPTEMBER, 9 – 11.30AM AND 3 – 3.45PM

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## Wonders of the Wallum – Bribie Island Wildflower Walks

Carnivorous plants, rare frogs, orchids and other wildflowers. A day of educational and entertaining botanical fun. Join Ben Timmings of Gondwana Surveys to explore the Wallum Healthland, one of the most increasingly threatened unique habitats we have, home to many amazing species. What environmental pressures have forced certain plant species to evolve carnivorous tendencies? And what makes the “trigger plants” so special? The 3pm walk is suitable for all abilities, including wheelchairs and prams.

**Cost:** 9-11am walk \$50, 3-3.45pm walk \$30

**Bookings:** [Book via website here](#)

# Outside festival period

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST, 9 – 11AM

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## The Backyard Series Workshop – Beautiful Groundcovers

Join us at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden for The Backyard Series workshop ‘Beautiful Groundcovers: Sun-lovers, shady spots and everything in between’ with Karen Shaw from Forest Heart ecoNursery.

**Cost:** \$20 **Bookings:** [Book via website here](#) (Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:** Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 9.30 – 11 AM

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## Australian Wildflowers for Creative Inspiration Guided Walk

Come and be inspired by the native flora of Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden. Join Helen, a local landscape designer and illustrator, for a walk through the gardens to meet some of the floral muses which are such a unique and iconic part of Australia’s national identity. Relax, unwind and appreciate the beautiful wildflowers during a leisurely guided walk through the Gardens. Please wear closed-in shoes and a hat, and bring sunscreen, insect repellent and a water bottle.

**Cost:** \$20 **Bookings:** [Book via website here](#) (Maximum 25 participants)

**Location:** Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha



## Find out more about wildflowers

The Sunshine Coast has more than 1600 individual plant and fungi species and the festival is specifically timed and scheduled around the flowering of the Wallum heath species – although spring sparks the flowering of a lot of other plants.

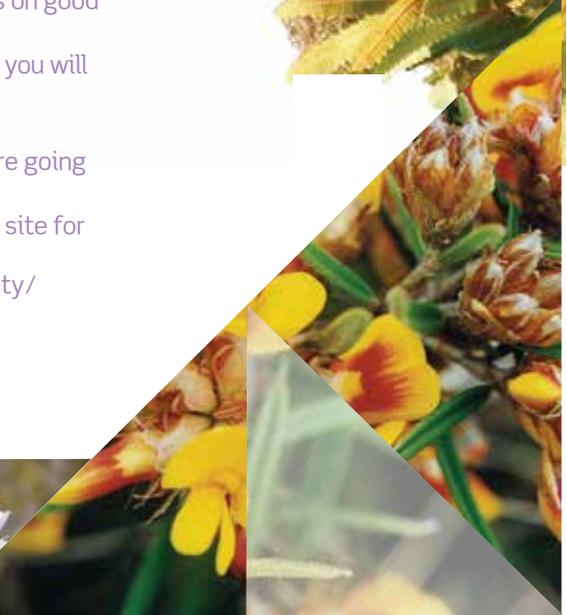
More information on local species is available at Council's website and [heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).

Of course, our beautiful region is on show all year long and Council encourages a visit to [adventuresunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://adventuresunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) to see all the walks near you.

## Walking with care

Please consider safety when going on a walk.

- Always follow any local signage. It contains key information and conditions can change at any time.
- Use the trails with consideration for your abilities; be prepared for the adventure ahead.
- Be aware of the weather conditions, found here: <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/>.
- Always wearing appropriate clothing, focus on good footwear.
- Always bringing more water than you think you will need.
- Be Sun Safe!
- Always letting someone know where you are going that isn't going with you.
- If you are just getting started, then try this site for good useful information: <https://www.trailhiking.com.au/hike-safety/>





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