



WETLAND PLANTS OF THE ESPERANCE REGION

REEDS AND RUSHES

Reeds and rushes have lots of crowded stems. They can form dense thickets in the water of swamps and lakes, where they provide shelter for frogs and water birds. Their flowers are very plain and can go unnoticed unless you are really looking for them.



Bulrush - *Typha domingensis*

This plant is a food source for Wudjari Nyungar families. Its leaves can be used for weaving and rope making.

Photo: Atlas of Living Australia.



Black Bristlerush - *Chorizandra enodis*

Photo: M. Hoggart



Tall Spikerush - *Eleocharis spiculata*

Photo: M. Hoggart



Coast Sword-sedge - *Lepidosperma gladiatum*

The Wudjari Nyungar name for this plant is *Kerbein*. It is a food source and its leaves can be used for weaving and rope making.

Photo: Westgate Biodiversity

FLOWERS THAT GROW IN WATER

There are a number of special flowers that grow and flower in the water of swamps.



Swamp Lily - *Ottelia ovalifolia*
Photo: M. Hoggart



Babe-in-a-cradle Orchid - *Epiblema grandiflorum*
This plant is a food source for Wudajri Nyungar families.
Photo: M. Hoggart



Swamp Boronia - *Boronia denticulata*
Photo: M. Hoggart



Xyris lanata
Photo: M. Hoggart

There are even carnivorous plants that grow in the water and catch tiny animals that live in the water or in the mud underneath.



Utricularia australis

Photo: Threatened Species Link (Tas)



Twining Bladderwort - *Utricularia volubilis*

Photo: M. Hoggart

PLANTS THAT GROW AROUND THE EDGES OF LAKES AND SWAMPS



Salt Water Paperbark - *Melaleuca cuticularis*

This tree has many cultural uses. It is a source of medicine and shelter and its soft bark is used for a variety of purposes. Its Wudjari Nyungar names are *Yoorl* or *Ngatj*.

Photo: G. Watson.



Flowers of the Saltwater Paperbark

Photo: Atlas of Living Australia



Red Swamp Banksia - *Banksia occidentalis*
Banksia flowers are a sweet food source for Wudjari Nyungar families.
Photo K. Mills



Ornduffia parnassifolia
Photo: M. Hoggart



Samolus junceus
Photo: M. Hoggart



Swamp Yate - *Eucalyptus occidentalis*
This tree is an environmental indicator for Wudjari Nyungar families. It reflects the health of swamps where it is growing.
Photo: Atlas of Living Australia

SALT LAKE PLANTS

Salt lakes are very harsh environments for plants. They have to be really tough to grow there.



Samphire - *Tecticornia lepidosperma*
The Wudjari Nyungar name for this plant is *Milyu*. It is a salty food source.
Photo: Atlas of Living Australia



Tiny flowers of *Tecticornia lylei*
Photo: Atlas of Living Australia



Round-leaved Pigface - *Disphyma crassifolia*
The Wudjari Nyungar name for this plant is *Bain*. It is a food source.
Photo: M. Hoggart



Round-leaf Wilsonia - *Wilsonia rotundifolia*
Photo: M. Hoggart



Long-scaped Isotome - *Isotoma scapigera*
Photo: E. Adams



Goodenia exigua
Photo: M. Hoggart