



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

May 17, 2019

East to West and Wildflowers



Western Australia's wildflower collection is the largest on Earth with more than 12,000 species, over 60% of which are found nowhere else on Earth. They colour the landscapes with vibrant hues in carpets of everlastings and kangaroo paws, whilst the Coral Coast is renowned for its unique wreath flowers and the south west for its tiny ground orchids.

Last year **Noosa Parks Association member and keen amateur botanist Joan Heavey** made a 27,000km road trip across five states from Queensland to Western Australia in search of Springtime wildflowers. Joan will be guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum on May 17.

Along the way, the places she visited revealed more surprises like the breaching Southern Right Whales at Head of Bight in South Australia, the endless grey green vegetation of the Nullabor Plain and the astonishing Wave Rock formation near Hyden. In her four month journey Joan visited as many national parks and conservation reserves as time permitted and has a wealth of photographic memories and information to share.

Enjoy the journey across Australia with Joan by joining the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville from 10am for coffee and conversation. The forum begins at 10.30am and concludes at 12.15pm.

All welcome.

To join the Interpretive Birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the car park at 8.30am.

The amazing Wreath Flower of Western Australia's Coral Coast is often found in gravelly or disturbed soils on roadsides.

