

WADaisies Occasional Newsletter March 2023

What's new in our [2023 Catalogue](#)?

Blue Pincushion *Brunonia australis* is a variable species that occurs across much of the continent either as an annual or a perennial. Selecting to overcome dormancy issues was our main challenge as well as making sure we are selling viable seed, not chaff.



Yellow Pom Pom, *Cephalopterum drummondii* has been a bit of a challenge because it kept throwing odd white ones. We're pretty sure we have sorted it out. Well, we hope so anyway.



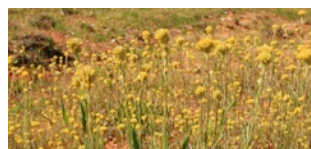
Podolepis aristata subsp. *affinis* provides bright splashes of deep yellow daisy flowers across much of WA. Easy to grow and a pretty good cut flower too.



Fragrant Waitzia, *Waitzia suaveolens* var. *suaveolens* is very pleasing on the eye in both bud and flower but a little disappointing on the nose, given its common name. Easy to grow though and dries well.



Rhodanthe polycephala is a little different to most daisies but is remarkably tough and suited to challenging conditions.



More details on our [New Releases](#) page

And not just to confuse you, but because we have been asked for it, we have introduced a range of colours into the Orange Immortelle, *Waitzia acuminata*.

Is there an Australian daisy you would like?

We always have more plants under trial and hope to continue to expand our offering so we welcome your suggestions. Just drop us a line using the [contact](#) page on our website.

Are there more daisies to be found?

Almost certainly yes is the answer but fewer and farther between as our both our knowledge and weed coverage increase. Ironically, new species are often found during floral surveys for mining projects. A case in point is this little daisy, nicknamed Emu Foot by Jenner Borger who found it on a survey.



As soon as I saw the photo on the left I just had to go and have a look for myself. A day's drive and half a day traversing some rugged country which meant abandoning my trusty Subaru and hitching a ride on a land cruiser tray top - but all worth it when we eventually found a small population of them. I don't think for a moment that something so small (3-5 cm high and about 5-10 cm wide) has horticultural potential but to see something you haven't seen before is always a special moment. Samples have been submitted and one day we will have a proper name for what might be a new species of *Calocephalus*.

I would like to thank Ellen and Trevor from Noongal Station near Yalgoo for their wonderful hospitality and can highly recommend Noongal as a station stay experience. Contact them at carlaminda@outlook.com

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A few videos

I have added a few links here to some videos I have posted on the WA Wildflower Society's Facebook page. I hope you find them interesting.

Lobelia tenuior opening to greet the day.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

A spectacular drone view at Paynes Find in August 2021 <https://www.facebook.com/>

And lastly Blue Lace Flower - slowly unfolding

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

Free posters

In the interest of promoting awareness of our amazing natural flora I have put together a 2 page poster featuring a few of the annual plants of Western Australia. Please note though that it is not a list of the plants we sell seed of. Click [here](#) to be taken to our Blog page where you can download a pdf version that is suitable for viewing or printing to A4 size.

There is a larger, high resolution version of the same poster, suitable for an A3 page, but the files are too large for our website to handle.

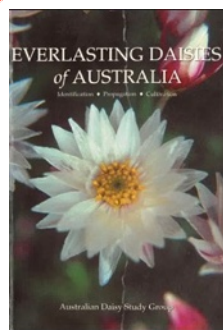
Please [contact](#) me direct if you wish to get a free copy of the larger version.



I am toying with the idea of producing a more detailed, indexed PDF or perhaps a small field book that covers a lot more species. Please let me know what you think of the idea.

We have moved - and lost a treasure!

It's almost inevitable when moving 40 year's worth of stuff that a few things will go astray. A lot was thrown out, re-purposed, gifted or op shopped but somehow, no matter how careful we were we still managed to lose a few items, mostly of no great consequence. But, I have lost one treasure and would love to have this book back in my library. If you have one and are willing to part with it I would love to hear from you. If you are simply curious, it is available for download from the ANPSA website at <https://anpsa.org.au/> Just search for 'Everlastings'



REWARD OFFERED WANTED

Read or Unread

Everlasting Daisies of Australia by The Australian Daisy Study Group
Published in 2002

Same prices for 2023

You don't need me to tell you that things are getting more expensive all the time. We don't wish to add to your financial strain so we have held our 2023 prices at the same level that they have been for the last few years and, unlike chocolate bars, you will still get the same amount for the price.

We don't wish to be annoying

If you don't want to receive communications from us simply email us with the message STOP and we will take you off our mailing list

We love feedback

Let us know of your experiences with our seeds and anything we can pass on to others. Since most of our range is new to cultivation we can't possibly know it all and you can probably tell us a thing or two

John Colwill, Founder & Floor Cleaner WA Daisies