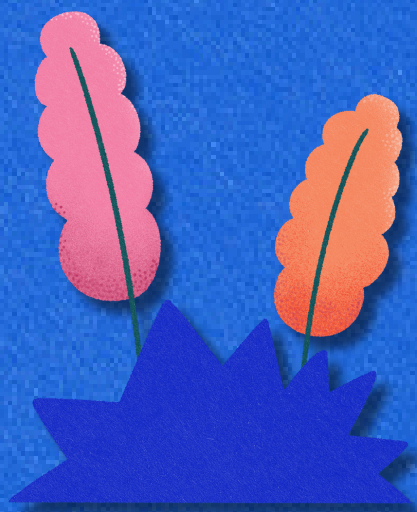


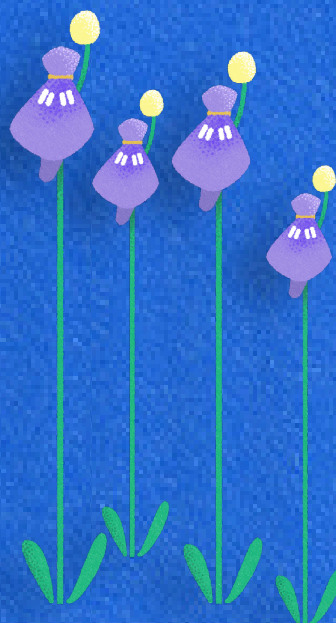
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Richea Scoparia



Mulla Mulla



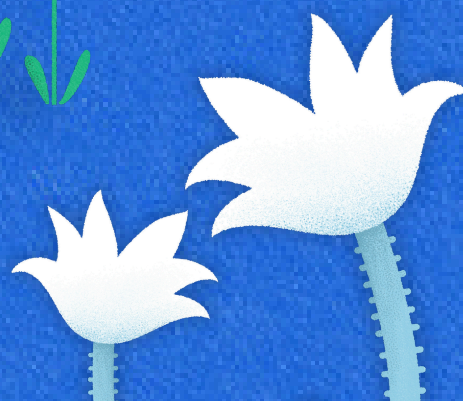
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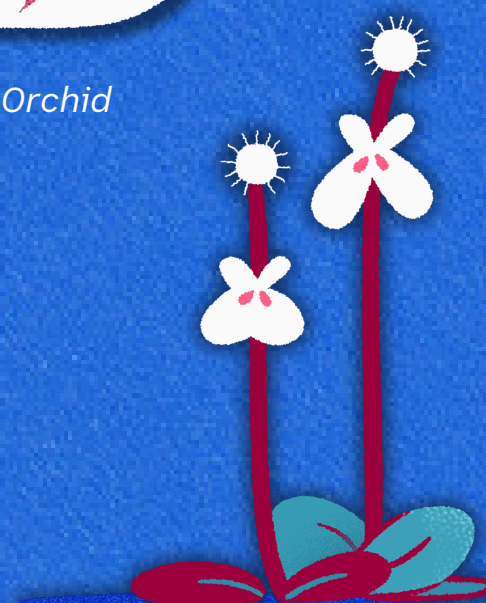
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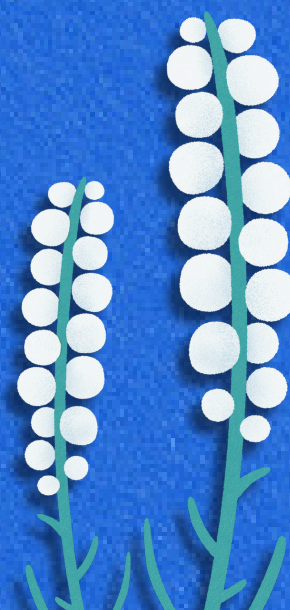
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*Murnong
(yam daisy)*



Star Flowers



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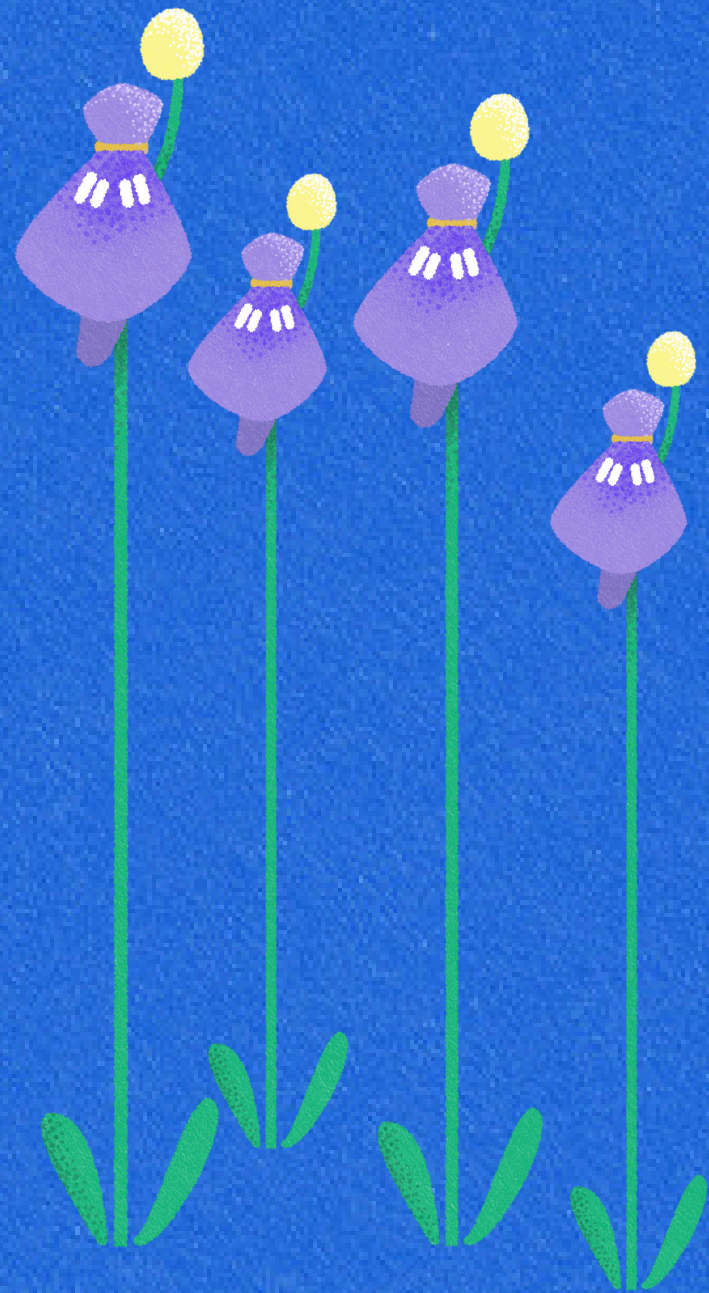


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Bladderwort

Genus: *Utricularia*



“

"Most plant traps are passive. But utricularia is an active trapping system." ”

Cadel Boyce
Cairns Botanic Garden

Distribution: Across Australia

Likes: Swampy areas

Superpower: Traps and eats insects

- Tiny floating 'bladder' traps small insects like water beetles
- The trap resets after the insect is digested



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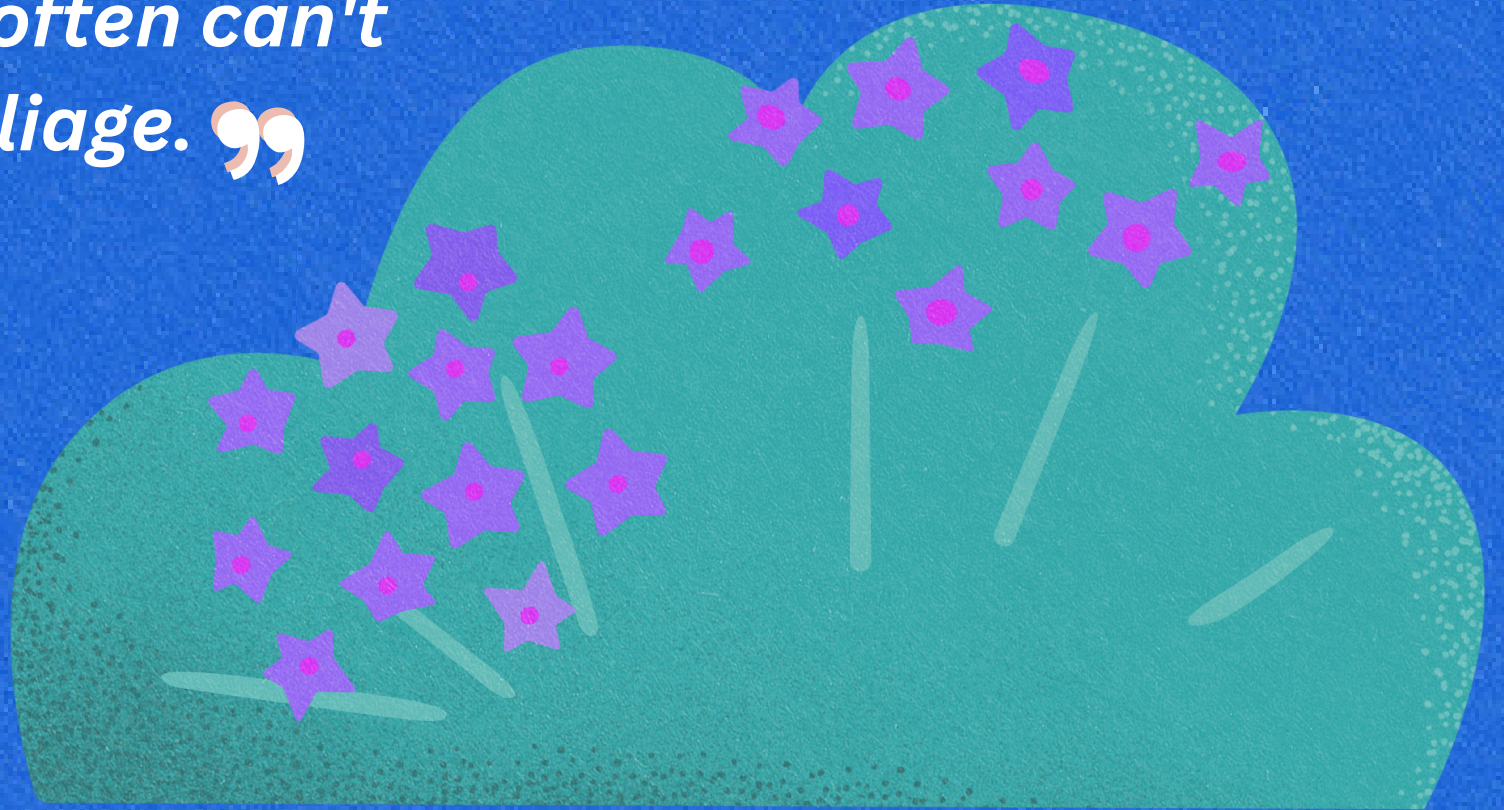
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Star Flowers

Genus: *Calytrix*

“It is a floral display on steroids — you quite often can't see any foliage.”

Danni Hamilton
Kings Park and
Botanic Gardens



Distribution: Across Australia

Likes: Coastal dunes, granite outcrops, rocky ridges and woodlands

Superpower: Signals with colour

- Uses colour to direct insects to unpollinated flowers
- The yellow stamens in the flower centre change to red when pollinated

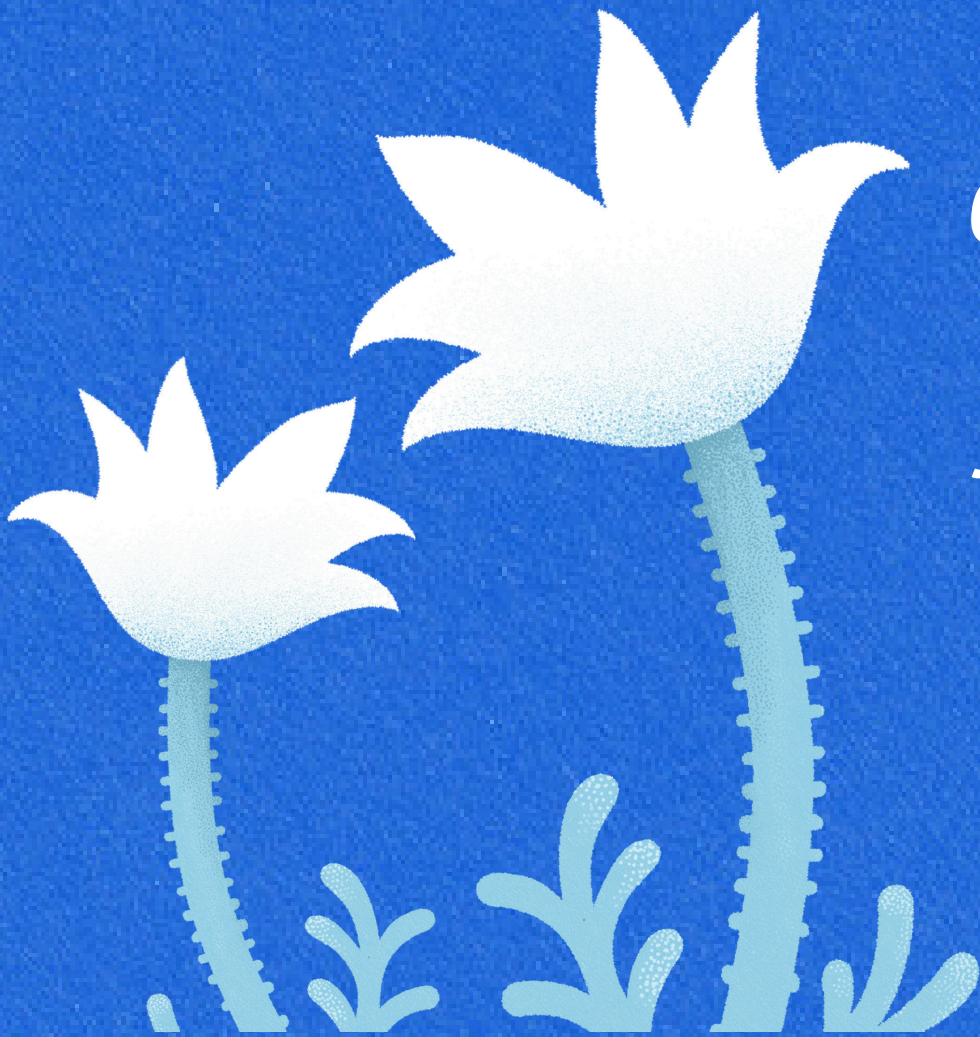


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Flannel Flowers

Genus: *Actinotus*



“

*One to two years after fire
you'll just see a carpet of
these flowers.*

It's quite breathtaking.

”

Danni Hamilton

Kings Park and Botanic Gardens

Distribution: WA, Vic, Tas, NSW, Qld, NT

Likes: Coastal heath, scrub, and open forests

Superpower: Mass blooms after fire

- Dormant seeds are 'awoken' by a chemical in bushfire smoke
- After rain, the seeds grow into large masses of flannel flowers



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Flying Duck Orchid

Genus: *Caleana*

“

Flying duck orchids are very cute-looking in a bizarre and very appealing way.”

Katharina Nargar

Australian Tropical Herbarium



Distribution: WA, SA, Vic, Tas, NSW, ACT, Qld

Likes: Woodlands and heath

Superpower: Double deceiver (sight and smell)

- Looks like a duck in flight to humans
- The ‘duck’s bill’ looks and smells like a female, to insect pollinators — who then get temporarily trapped inside it



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most amazing flower?
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Mulla Mulla

Genus: *Ptilotus*



“Its resilience to the landscape is just phenomenal. It's an absolute desert survivor.”

”

Danni Hamilton
Kings Park and Botanic Gardens

Distribution: Across Australia

Likes: Arid and semi-arid environments

Superpower: Tough survivor

- Small plant with feathery flowers; thrives in poor soil and extreme heat
- Culturally significant to many Indigenous desert communities



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most amazing flower?
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Murnong (yam daisy)

Genus: *Microseris*

“

We know that women collected it every day and it was something we ate every day.

”

Zena Zada Cumpston
Barkandji woman



Distribution: SA, Vic, Tas, ACT, NSW

Likes: Dry open forest and plains

Superpower: Super food source

- Roots are a ‘nutritional powerhouse’
- Provided a significant year-round staple food for Indigenous people in south-eastern Australia and Tasmania before colonisation.



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most amazing flower?
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Richea Scoparia

Genus: *Richea*

“

*They're tough,
they're survivors.
They live in these really
gnarly environments.*”

Aimee Bliss

Tasmanian Land Conservancy



Distribution: Tas

Likes: Alpine and semi-alpine areas

Superpower: Cold survivor

- Flower petals are fused into a ‘cap’ to protect the reproductive parts from cold
- Snow skinks and birds nibble off the cap to allow pollination

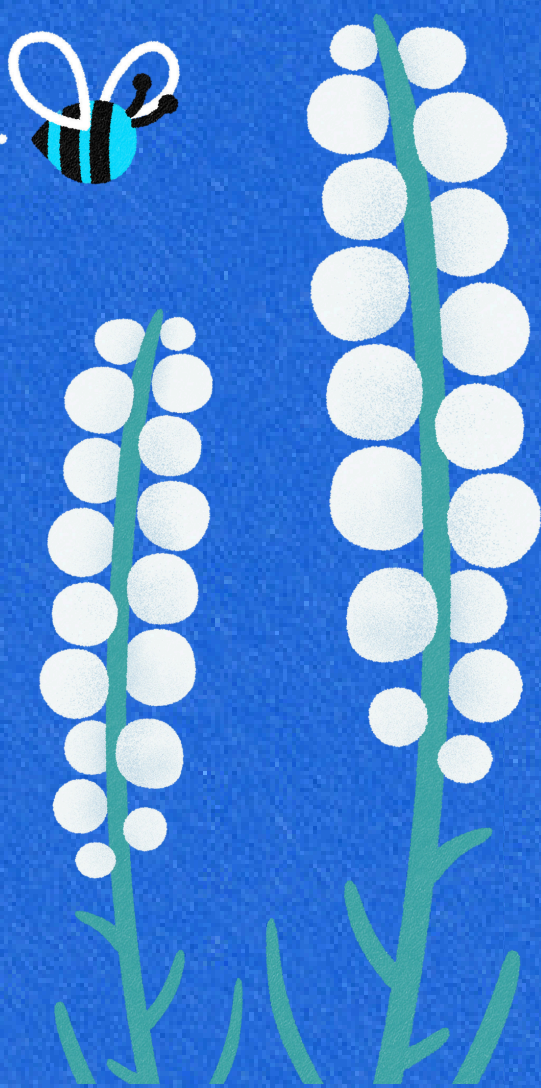


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Stackhousia

Genus: *Stackhousia*



“*When you look
at them closely,
they're very
delicate,
beautiful
flowers.*”

Aimee Bliss
Tasmanian Land Conservancy

Distribution: Across Australia

Likes: Dry open woodlands, alpine areas,
coastal heath and grasslands

Superpower: Scented night candle

- Produces masses of candle-like flowers on long spikes
- Emits a sweet scent at night to attract pollinators, such as moths



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Triggerplant

Genus: *Stylidium*

“

What makes them truly extraordinary is that different triggerplant species can place pollen on different insects in different spots.”

Juliet Wege

Western Australian Herbarium



Distribution: Across Australia

Likes: Sand plains, rocky hills, escarpments, granite outcrops and swampy areas

Superpower: Punches pollinators with pollen

- Boasts one of the fastest-known plant movements — a catapult-like trigger formed from fused male and female reproductive parts
- The catapult harmlessly douses a visiting insect with pollen, which is then transported to another plant



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Underground Orchid

Genus: *Rhizanthella*



“*The underground orchid has an extreme lifestyle.*”

Katharina Nargar
Australian Tropical Herbarium

Distribution: WA, NSW, ACT, Qld

Likes: Undisturbed forest leaf litter

Superpower: Elusive and bizarre

- Lives underground with only its red, fleshy flowers penetrating the surface
- Does not photosynthesize and relies completely on its fungal partner for nutrients



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