



AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWERS

Grevilleas and Banksias in The Garden Of Oz

GREVILLEAS AND BANKSIAS

Australian wildflowers are unique in their ability to survive in comparatively harsh conditions. The bushland of the Sydney Australia, offers shallow sandy soil, scant rainfall and very hot summers. The plants are survivors that have evolved to protect themselves against the elements and have even come to rely on extreme conditions to survive. For example Banksias need bush fires to crack the seeds lying dormant on the ground and allow them to sprout when rain eventually arrives.

The beautiful, hardy flowers of Banksias and Grevilleas are filled with nectar which attracts not only bees and insects but also nectar eating birds such as Rainbow Lorikeets, and a variety of Honeyeaters.

They have therefore become favourites with Australians and have found their way into gardens around the world.





Eastern Australia



South Eastern Australia's temperate climate is rich in unique flora and fauna. Reptiles, birds, mammals, and marsupials thrive alongside ferns, eucalypts, shrubs and wildflowers in a self sufficient landscape alongside The blue Pacific Ocean. The flowers shown in this book were photographed in and around Sydney.



Sydney Harbour



Sydney's pristine harbour is filled with sea life and surrounded on one side by the CBD, and on the other by residences, parks and bushland. Grevilleas, Banksias and other heath loving plants thrive in this environment



Soft pink honey filled
flowers on spiky stems.



*Spiky needle-like leaves
protect the plant from
predators while
conserving moisture to
maintain the plant
during dry Summers.*



Rainbow Lorikeets are drawn to the nectar filled Banksia and Grevillea flowers. There are many varieties of this plant, varying in leaf structure and flower size and shape, all attracting and feeding insects and birds.



Soft pinks and lilacs, feathery pom pom blossoms belie the toughness of these extraordinary shrubs.







Thickets of Grevillea,
covered in small pea-like
pink flowers, provide a safe
environment for small
birds such as wrens and
finches.





Honey filled flowers.



Banksia are a real favourite with Scaly Breasted Lorikeets. Their brush-like tongues work their way over the flowers, combing out the sweet nectar.







These harbourside
Grevilleas are constantly
visited by large honeyeaters
such as this Noisy Miner.

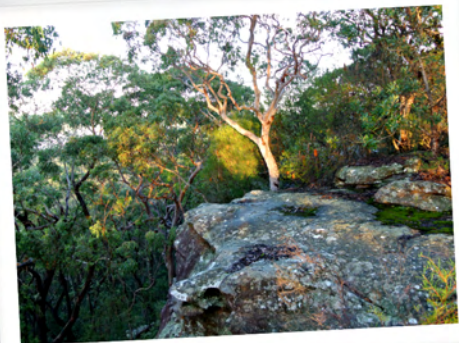
Moths, bees and other
insects also swarm over
these shrubs.



Spider Flowers



This unique form of Grevillea is commonly known as Spider Flower. Prolific along sandstone cliffs and escarpments, they are coloured in white, red, yellow and grey,







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