

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2001/02

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Fri 7 Dec	Goldfields Naturalists Club Meeting, 7.30pm - Lecture Room Hospitality, Curtin University, behind Kay Cee's, cnr Cassidy & Cheetham Streets, Kalgoorlie - Photo Competition.	Janette Kavanagh - 9021 7440
Sun 9 Dec	Goldfields Naturalists Club picnic at Red Lake. Meet at Arts Centre carpark 10.30am.	Janette Kavanagh - 9021 7440
Sun 9 Dec	St Barbara's Day Parade - 12.00 Hannan Street.	Donna Hanks - 0428 747 788
Fri 1 Feb 2002	Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group KBULG Meeting, 9am Lotteries House, cnr Wilson & MacDonald Sts, Kalgoorlie.	Kylie Payne - 9091 6233
29-31 May 2002	Goldfields Land Rehabilitation Group - Workshop on Environmental Management in Arid & Semi Arid Areas.	Rebecca Archer - 9088 1173

BIRD WATCH

Common Name: Galah or Pink and Grey Cocky

Scientific Name: *Cacatua roseicapilla*

Description: The Galah is a common resident in urban areas over the warmer and dryer months. It moves into the urban environment looking for food and water. The Galah has a grey back, tail and wings with a pink neck and breast. It feeds on seeds, lawn, almonds and clover. The Galah breeds in the hollows of trees.

Occurrence: The Galah is very common around Kalgoorlie-Boulder. They are often spotted on roadside reserves, eating grain that has fallen off trucks. They often eat so much that they struggle to fly away with passing traffic.

Source: Goldfields Naturalist Club (1995) *Common Birds of Kalgoorlie-Boulder*.



PLANT OF THE SEASON



Common Name: Native hibiscus

Scientific Name: *Alyogyne hakifolia*

Description: The native hibiscus is a medium to large shrub which grows approximately 2.5m high by 2m wide. The hibiscus flower is a large mauve trumpet-shaped flower with a dark red centre. Flowering time for the Native Hibiscus is late spring to summer. The shrub has bright green, narrow leaves.

Occurrence: The Native Hibiscus is not a common bush species. However, they are an excellent species for growing in the garden. They are reasonably fast growing and are well suited to Kalgoorlie-Boulder's soil type, and require very little maintenance.

The native hibiscus are presently in flower around the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder. They can be seen just before you go over the boardwalk at the entrance to Karikurla Park and also on the Olympic Landcare site in the park. Larger plants can be seen at KBULG's Native Plants Garden in Killington Crescent, Fairways.

For more details on any of the articles or to find out more about the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group call or visit the Landcare Office located in Lotteries House (Cnr Wilson & MacDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie). Phone: 9091 6233 or 0418 935 498 or email: kbulg@emerge.net.au