



BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS

Free Environmental Workshops January to December 2019 program

Bush Skills for the Hills is an ongoing series of free environmental workshops for the community. A combination of theoretical and practical hands-on sessions, the workshops are designed to provide participants with skills to help manage and appreciate everything that local bushland has to offer.

The EMRC has teamed up with Eventbrite, the world's leading online event registration service. To register for a workshop head to <http://ERCMPenvironment.eventbrite.com>. For more information about Eventbrite see the back page of this program. If you have any further queries, contact the EMRC's Administration Officer Regional Services on (08) 9424 2216 or environment@emrc.org.au.



Top left: *Lechenaultia biloba*, Top right: Fungi, Bottom left: *Acacia pulchella*, Bottom right: *Fabaceae*.
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Plant Me Instead - Native Plants in Your Garden



A Fringe Lily
Photo: Shire of Mundaring

When: Saturday, 27 April 2019, 12noon to 1:30pm

Where: Shire of Mundaring, 7000 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring

Sue McDougall will be running a workshop on behalf of the Shire of Mundaring, giving an insight into what local native plant species can be used in your garden to substitute exotic species that have potential to become weedy in our bush environment. This can be done without losing any of the appeal and, all the while, making your garden water wise by using plants that are suited to our environment.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Close Encounters -

Native Fauna Discovery and Rescue



An Australian Magpie
Photo: EMRC

When: Saturday, 18 May 2019, 10:00am to 12:30pm

Where: Native Animal Rescue, 170 Camboon Road, Malaga

Get up close and personal with native fauna species of Perth's Eastern Region. Learn about how animals live and thrive in our environment today as well as what to do if you find injured, sick or orphaned wildlife.

Morning tea will be provided.

Monitoring Techniques



Photomonitoring of a Flooded Gum
Photo: EMRC

When: Saturday, 15 June 2019, 09:00am to 11:30am

Where: Zig Zag Cultural Centre, 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda

Monitoring is a way to quantify change over time, be that from disturbance (such as changed water regimes, fire or dieback), or from land management activities (such as revegetation and weed control). It is useful for determining if the goals of a program or project have been achieved and how it could be done better next time. It is also often an essential part of grant applications and acquittals. Come along to learn about monitoring, sampling and surveying, focussing on several simple and time effective techniques including photomonitoring.

Morning tea will be provided.



An emerging mushroom
Photo: EMRC

Fungi in Focus

When: Saturday, 27 July 2019, 10:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Margaret Forrest Centre, Park Road, John Forrest National Park, Hovea

Participants will learn about common fungi families that exist in our local bushland and the important roles they play in the functioning of healthy ecosystems. Following an introduction to fungi, participants will take a guided walk into the John Forrest National Park to learn how and where to search for fungi, in order to bring back specimens to identify. The workshop presenter, Roz Hart, is Vice President of Fungimap Inc., an Australia-wide fungi organisation, and is also a member of WA Naturalists' Club Fungi Study Group.

A light lunch will be provided.



Trees with phosphite injectors
Photo: City of Swan

Dieback Treatment Training

When: Saturday, 3 August 2019, 9:30am to 11:30am

Where: West Swan Hall, Lot 1 West Swan Road, Henley Brook

Learn the skills to treat trees against Phytophthora Dieback in this hands on workshop. It will include information about what is needed to treat trees, where to source the equipment from and how to inject trees with phosphite, before practising the skills in the nearby bushland and treating several trees.

Morning tea will be provided.



Revegetation works
Photo: City of Kalamunda

Foreshore Condition Assessment Training

When: Saturday, 17 August 2019, 10:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Woodlupine Brook, Carpark near Jordan Place and Lenihan Corner, Wattle Grove

Waterway degradation is widespread, particularly in south-west Western Australia. Foreshore condition assessments allow the local community, supported by government and other professionals, to make the most effective use of resources towards river protection.

Volunteers will be trained to recognise degrees of foreshore degradation and record their assessment of foreshore condition on standardised forms developed by Pen and Scott (1995). The resulting data can be gathered together to provide baseline data on which to base long term monitoring and management.

A light lunch will be provided.



Two Sundew species found in the Perth Hills
Photo: EMRC

Carnivorous Plants

When: Saturday, 14 September 2019, 9:00am to 11:30am

Where: Zig Zag Cultural Centre, 50 Railway Road, Kalamunda

Discover what species of carnivorous plants are lurking in the bush of the Perth Hills — they are more common than you may think. Learn about different types of carnivorous plants, the varied traps and what prey they target while seeing amazing photos of the diverse species that call south-west WA their hunting ground. Take your ID skills outside onto the Railway Heritage Trail to spot some hungry carnivorous plants.

Please note that the workshop includes walking at a leisurely pace.

Morning tea will be provided.



Shire of Mundaring President Cr John Daw with members of Friends with of Black Cockatoo Reserves

Photo: Shire of Mundaring

Black Cockatoo Reserves

When: Saturday, October 5 2019, 9:00am to 11:00am

Where: Black Cockatoo Reserves, 1750 Jarrah Road, Mundaring

Black Cockatoo Reserves is one of the top conservation reserves in Mundaring. In 1998 the Friends Group was formed. Come along to hear the story of the reserve, and the persistence of a group of dedicated people, who have worked on and protected this bushland for 20 years.

Please note that the workshop includes walking.

Morning tea will be provided.



Una Bell's latest book, along with her booklet and a Wallaby Grass specimen
Photo: EMRC

Native Grasses With Una

When: Saturday, 2 November 2019, 9:00am to 11:00am

Where: Morgan John Morgan Reserve, Glen Forrest

It can be difficult to distinguish between native and introduced grasses, especially when undertaking weed removal activities. This workshop will give participants a good chance to get familiar with common grasses by taking a walk and talk through Morgan John Morgan Reserve in Glen Forrest. Una Bell, Research Associate with the WA Herbarium and author of "Common Native Grasses of South-West WA" and "Native Grasses of Perth Hills: a field guide to identification", will be leading the walk.

Please note that the workshop includes some walking.

Morning Tea will be provided.

How to register using Eventbrite

The EMRC has joined Eventbrite to help make the registration process easier, and you will still receive an email confirmation of your registration and an email reminder with any information needed for the event.

Go to <http://ERCMPenvironment.eventbrite.com> and click on the event you are interested in. Follow the steps to register.

To use Eventbrite you will need to create a log in using your email address. This log-in will be the same for all Bush Skills for the Hills workshops and any other Eventbrite event. If you have any queries using Eventbrite, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can guide you through the process. Don't worry if you don't have access to a computer - you can still register by phone.

Contact us on (08) 9424 2216 or environment@emrc.org.au.

Other Opportunities

The City of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan have a number of Friends and Catchment Groups that are always looking for new members. By being a member of these groups you can learn more about bush and river restoration in a social atmosphere with the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to improving your local environment.

Alternatively, if you know of a site nearby which could do with some extra care, how about starting your own group?

For more information on community involvement opportunities, please contact:

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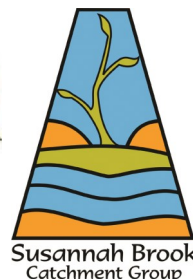
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