

Orchid Species

Scientific Name	Common Name
Caladenia	
barbarossa	- Common Dragon Orchid
caimsiana	- Zebra Orchid
discoidea	- Bee Orchid
falcata	- Fringed Mantis Orchid
filifera	- Blood Spider Orchid
flava	- Cowslip Orchid
integra	- Smooth Lipped Spider Orchid
longiclavata	- Clubbed Spider Orchid
longicauda	- White Spider Orchid
macrostylis	- Leaping Spider Orchid
polychroma	- Joseph's Spider Orchid
reptans	- Little Pink Fainies
xantha	- Primrose Spider Orchid
Cyanicula	
sericea	- Silky Blue Orchid
gemmata	- Blue China Orchid
Diuris	
corymbosa	- Donkey Orchid
Elythanthera	
emarginata	- Pink Enamel Orchid
Eriochilus	
dilatatus	- Bunny Orchid
Leporella	
fimbriata	- Hare Orchid
Lyperanthus	
serratus	- Rattle Beaks
Pterostylis	
vittata	- Banded Greenhood
recurva	- Jug Orchid
aspera	- Red veined Shell Orchid
hamiltonii	- Brown veined Shell Orchid
Thelymitra	
antennifera	- Vanilla Orchid



History of the Reserve

The Myrtle Benn Flora and Fauna Sanctuary was used as an outdoor classroom by school teacher, Myrtle Benn, from 1959 - 1972 and is well known and loved by the local community.

It is valued as a place to observe natural history, with an abundance of orchids and other flowering plants.

The reserve is largely made up of Wandoo, Mann and Sheoak woodland. There are granite and laterite outcrops and dense scrubland. The variety of indigenous flora is too numerous to list. The flora presents a kaleidoscope of colour from July to the end of November. Some flowers to be seen are the fascinating red and orange Cat's Paws, small pink everlasting mingled with deep blue dampiera. Smell the perfume of the fluffy cream Hakeas. Bright yellow and orange pea flowers that are scattered throughout.

Mammals recorded in the reserve include Western Grey kangaroo, Brush Wallaby, Brush-tailed Possum, Red-tailed Phascogale and Brush-tail Phascogale. Echidna tracks have also been seen.

Birds you may see in the Sanctuary

Common Bronzewing	Laughing Kookaburra	Willy Wagtail
Red-tailed Black-cockatoo	Tree Martin	Splendid Wren
Galah	Scarlet Robin	White-browed Scrub-wren
Purple-crowned Lorikeet	Western Yellow Robin	Weebill
Regent Parrot	Hooded Robin	Western Greygone
Red-Capped Parrot	Golden Whistler	Inland Thornbill
Western Rosella	Rufous Whistler	Western Thornbill
Port Lincoln Parrot (28)	Grey Shrike-tit	Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Elegant Parrot	Grey Fantail	Varied Sittella
Red Wattlebird	Brown Honeyeater	Striated Pardalote
Singing Honeyeater	New-Holland Honeyeater	Silveryeye
Brown-headed Honeyeater	Western Spinebill	Australian Magpie
White-naped Honeyeater	Spotted Pardalote	Australian Raven



Grey Fantail



Golden Whistler

Birds are best observed in the early morning. The fantails sometimes follow walkers who disturb insects.

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Trail Guide

