



Flora Licensing Information Sheet

Scientific or Other Prescribed Purposes Licences

Completed forms should be returned to:

Department of Parks and Wildlife
Locked Bag 30 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983
Or faxed to (08) 9219 8242 or emailed.

Further information on the licensing requirements

is available from DPaW Wildlife Licensing Section

Phone: (08) 9219 9836

Email: wildlifelicencing@dpaw.wa.gov.au

All flora that is native to Western Australia is protected throughout the state under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. Protected flora is defined as any plant (including any wildflower, palm, shrub tree, fern, creeper or vine) and includes any part of a plant, including seeds and spores.

For information about the licensing requirements when taking flora for identification, research, education, hobby or other **non-commercial purposes**, please continue to read below.

Private Property

The taking of protected flora for **non-commercial purposes** from private property does not require a licence from DPaW, however you must obtain the landowner's permission prior to collection and collection must comply with relevant clearing legislation.

Persons who wish to **sell** flora taken from private property must hold a **Commercial Producer's (PN) Licence** (please refer to "Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Commercial Purposes and Commercial Producer's Licences" for more information).

Crown Land

To take protected flora from Crown land for **non-commercial purposes** a **Scientific or Other Prescribed Purposes (SOPP) Licence** is required. This licence covers activities such as identification, research, education, non-commercial propagation for local revegetation projects, or for hobby purposes.

A SOPP Licence must be held by **each person** taking flora.

The SOPP Licence alone does not permit the licensee to take flora from Crown land. Once a licence is issued, **written permission from the relevant Crown land manager** must be obtained prior to collection. If the land that the applicant wishes to collect on is DPaW managed (eg. National Park, Marine Park, Conservation Park, Regional Park, State Forest, Timber Reserve, Nature Reserve) the written permission comes in the form of a **Regulation 4 Authority** (please refer to "Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Collection of Flora from Lands Managed by DPaW" for more information).

The fee for a SOPP Licence is **\$10**, however the following situations are eligible for a **waived fee** licence:

- Government employees
- Registered DPaW volunteers
- Regional Herbarium/WA Herbarium volunteers
- Employees of educational institutions
- Students of educational institutions
- Community groups (where no sale of the flora is occurring)
- Wildflower Society members

A SOPP Licence is valid for the length of the project/activity, with a maximum period of one (1) year.

Persons who wish to take flora from Crown land for **commercial purposes** must hold a Commercial Purposes (CP) Licence (please refer to “Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Commercial Producer’s/Nurseryman’s Licences” for more information).

Renewal of Licences

The renewal of a licence is the responsibility of the licensee and will not automatically be granted. Each request for renewal is treated as a new application, so that in the event circumstances change, the appropriate licence conditions can be issued.

It is recommended that requests for renewal be sent **one (1) month** prior to the expiry date of the current licence to allow time for processing and posting.

Licence renewal is dependent all conditions have been adhered to, including the following:

Report

Renewal of a licence is dependent on the satisfactory submission of a report detailing collection activities (if it was a condition of the previous licence). Details of what must be included on the report are listed in the conditions of the licence, and (if required) an example report may be requested from the department’s Wildlife Licensing Section. Copies of any papers or reports resulting from the collection should also be submitted when completed.

Specimen Lodgement

A condition of a SOPP licence is that all holotypes and isotypes, where collected, and duplicate specimens of other material collected must be lodged at the Western Australian Herbarium (PERTH). It is recommended that you contact the Collection Manager at the WA Herbarium (08 9334 0500) to discuss vouchersing procedures and requirements prior to collection.