

## Close Encounters of the Exquisite Kind «|» Claudette Pope

Photography and flowers have always been important in my life but never combined until now.

Then I did a photography workshop in Kings Park — macro techniques were the focus, so we got “up close and personal” with our native flora. Much more was revealed than I expected — exquisite detail, extraordinary symmetry and exceptional colours.

Scholtzia flowers are tiny, you could walk past the rather nondescript shrub and not see how beautiful the flowers are.

And always watch where you walk in the bush, there are magnificent little gems down there, like the Wheel Sundew, worthy of your attention.

The photos in the portfolio show the diversity of our native flora, even though they are small in size.

The exception is the *Grevillea calliantha*, this isn't small but it is magnificent and its existence is threatened — thank you to Kings Park for preserving it for us all to see.

With so many wonderful species growing in our collective backyard, we should all grow them in our very own backyards.



Above right: Nodding Lily,  
*Dichopogon capillipes*.

Right: Scented Banjine,  
*Pimelea suaveolens*.





Above: Black Magic Grevillea,  
*Grevillea calliantha*.

Right: *Scholtzia drummondii*.

Below: Wheel Sundew,  
*Drosera leucoblasta*.



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