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1 *Hakea lasianthoides*

05316308

G. lasiantha = hairy flower + *-oides* = similar to

This tall, open shrub or small tree to 5 m is an elegant member of the Jarrah forest understorey. The flowers are sparse and tend to be hidden in the leaf axils, but young specimens are slender, with attractive reddish hairs along the stems. It grows in sand and clay soils mainly between Busselton and Denmark, with sporadic occurrence north to Perth.

Flowers: Aug.–Nov.

2 *Hakea oleifolia*, Frog Hakea

05749883

From *Olea* (olive tree) + *folium* = leaf

The scientific name refers to the olive-like leaves of this species, but the common name is much more descriptive, highlighting the fat, warty fruits that, with a little imagination, do appear rather frog-like especially when young and green. This is a rigid shrub or small tree up to 6 m tall, growing in heath or woodland, around the lower west coast from Yallingup to Bremer Bay.

Flowers: Aug.–Oct.

3 *Hakea linearis*

05594936

L. linearis = linear (leaves)

A large, spreading shrub to 3 m, preferring moist situations along creek-lines and winter-wet depressions. It is found around the south coasts from Busselton to east of Albany. The flower clusters, in the leaf axils all along the stems, are very showy at a time when not much else is flowering.

Flowers: Nov.–Feb.

4 *Hakea ruscifolia*, Candle-spike Hakea

05335965

From *Ruscus*, genus in the Lily family that has small, spiny leaves

Indeed, this is another very prickly one! It is common in sandy or gravelly soils, in heath or Jarrah forest, around the coast from Eneabba to Esperance. It grows to 2–3 m and the flowers often form dense, cylindrical clusters around long stems.

Flowers: Feb.–May

5 *Hakea ceratophylla*, Staghorn Hakea (illustrated below left)

05771854

G. ceratos = horn + *phyllos* = leaf

This 1.5 m shrub is found throughout the south-west from Perth to Albany and along the south coast to Esperance, in heath and woodland. I have only found it in one location here, in a low-lying winter-wet swamp along Forest Grove Road, though I'm sure it occurs elsewhere. In contrast to our other *Hakea* species, its flowers are a lovely russet-brown and green.

Flowers: Sept.–Nov.





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