



Ed's Line.....

Children pull no punches and often an embarrassed parent will shush a child after asking an "awkward question"- particularly of a stranger. Yet children rarely, if ever, ask a question out of malice. They see, or hear, something they don't understand and the question is asked. "Why has that lady got a big tummy?" or "Why is that man bald?". So what to do? Answer or Shush?

A few years back I had an operation to remove some basal cell carcinomas from my face. Not a part of the body easily hidden and I had plenty of people staring at my "Bride of Frankenstein" face. Had anyone asked I would have happily told them but they didn't - probably because they too had been shushed into

"politeness".

A couple of days ago my elder daughter told me her elder daughter (22 months) has learnt to say please if she wants something, which is great except that she thinks saying please will get her what she wants every time. It has so far but now she has to learn that sometimes the answer will be "No"!

Perhaps, like learning please does not always equate with yes, we need to teach them to ask their questions whilst encouraging them to recognize when and how questions should be raised. Smothering curiosity will hinder their learning whilst noticing and asking questions of the world and the people around them will nurture understanding and compassion.

In the spirit of children and how they see the world I am thrilled to say I have received six awesome drawings from six Grade 3 pupils at Waterford College. The pupils had a walk through KNR and were tasked with logging and drawing four birds they saw. Diedré Louw kindly shared the drawings on pages five, six and seven with us. I am amazed at the detail they noted and managed to draw.....my artistic abilities stop at appreciation I'm afraid. I was interested to see their use of the paper, no worrying about convention here, they used the space as they saw fit and the results are quite frankly delightful. Well done to you all, you've certainly brightened up April's newsletter! (CN)

The Month Ahead.....

April, the month of the practical jokes. Possibly dating back to 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII changed New Year from March to 1st January. Apparently not everyone got the message and upon celebrating New Year in the old format were ridiculed for their foolish-

ness. No practical jokes here though so the Bird Walk will go ahead on Saturday 15th at 07h00. **An Autumn Walk and Breakfast is planned for Sunday 23rd** which will replace the Guided Walk. See the Notice Boards for information. (CN)



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"When one bases his life on principle, 99 percent of his decisions are already made"

Unknown

Schedule of Events

April 2017

(information subject to change)

Bird Walks

Kevin Lavery

083 267 3494

Guided Walks:

See Notice Board

General:

084 804 4073

Please note that these dates are subject to change.

Please confirm dates with the relevant persons listed above.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 ^{07h00} Bird Walk See Notice Board
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 ^{08h00} Autumn Walk See Notice Board	24	25	26	27	28	29

GPS Co-Ordinates:

Slent Pool 26° 16' 59.57 "S / 28 ° 00' 34.34"E **Entrance Precinct** 26° 18' 13.50"S / 28° 00'39.34"E

Walk Tips:

We recommend that you wear a hat, good walking shoes and sun block. Bring snacks and water (**water is a must!**) Binoculars are recommended for the bird walks.

April : Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Willie Nelson 1933 Singer						1
2	3 John Smit 1978 Rugby Player	4 Hugh Masekela 1939 Musician	5	6	7 Jackie Chan 1954 Actor	8 Helen Joseph 1905 Activist
9	10	11	12 Chad Le Clos 1992 Swimmer	13 Thomas Jefferson 1743 American President	14 Blade Nzimande 1958 Politician	15 Miriam Stockley 1962 Singer
16 Charlie Chaplin 1889 Actor	17	18	19 Darren Simpson 1978 Radio Personality	20	21	22 Kaká 1982 Soccer Player
23 John Cena 1977 Wrestler	24	25	26	27	28 Bradley Wiggins 1980 Cyclist	29

April : Religious and Cultural

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30						1
2	3	4	5 Rama Navami	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Theravada New Year Start Pesach Start	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Vaisakhi Theravada New Year End Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 Family Day	18 Pesach End	19	20	21 Start Festival of Ridván (ends 2 May)	22
23 Yom Hashoah	24 Armenian Martyrs' Day	25	26	27	28	29

Colour Key: Birthdays Non South African South African

Colour Key: Holidays Public Holidays Buddhist Hindu Sikh Christian Jewish Islamic Bahá'í Zoroastrian SA Public Holidays/Cultural

Trail Rehabilitation Barometer

Well what can we say? The KNR community has not only risen to the challenge they have done so in the space of just two short months. It is clear that the KNR is a much loved and valued piece of many people's lives.

I can now proudly announce, on behalf of the KNRA, that we have raised the entire R40 000-00 required to complete the rehabilitation and Albert Bossert and his team are working on the last phase.

Completion of the work will enable us to apply for Green Flag Status. According to the website (<http://greenflagtrails.org>)

"Green Flag Trails is a voluntary quality and sustainability eco-label for trails.

*Trails with Green Flag status ensures the best possible hiking experiences to hikers. Trails are however not graded subjectively from good to bad. **Instead** the system cen-*

tres on the concept of allowing hikers, by supplying detailed information, to make their own informed decisions of the trails they'd like to walk. Green Flag Trails is thus an accreditation programme that seeks to offer hikers all the information needed to ensure the hike meets their expectations.

Contrary to other systems that make use of someone's opinion of how a "good trail" should look like, Green Flag allows the hiker to make his/her very own assessment of what type of trail is preferred, and thus ensures a good experience."

(CN)

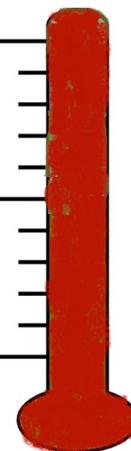
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Yee Haaa! Thank You
Everybody.....!!!!!!

R40 000
R20 000



Spotlight On..... Acacia karroo

Widespread in Southern Africa this tree grows between 1 and 22 metres high; although this information varies depending on which source you use. Bright yellow sweet-scented pom-pom flowers appear in summer. It is protected by long silver coloured thorns. It is a fast growing tree with many uses. Planting of the tree should be carefully considered as it has a tendency to blow over in heavy winds.

Various parts of the tree are used: The thorns as sewing needles and naturalists used them as pins in insect collections. The branches can be used as an effective fence and rafts were made from the wood.

Also known as the sweet thorn or soetdoring which is derived from the sweet gum that appears in wounds on the tree. The gum is pleasant tasting and consumed by animals and people alike. The lesser-bush baby feeds exclusively on tree gum and insects. It once had commercial value as "Cape Gum" which was used in confectionary making. It is also similar to gum arabic which is used to make water solu-

ble glue.

It is a good fodder tree with game and livestock feeding on the leaves, flowers and seed pods. The bark contains tannin which is used to tan leather a reddish colour, unfortunately with an unpleasant odour. The heartwood needs to be seasoned in water for six months before use to repel borers that could otherwise damage it. The flowers produce nectar and pollen which can be used for the production of a pleasant tasting honey. The gum, leaves and bark are used as poultices, eye treatments and cold remedies as well as for treating cattle with tulip poisoning ie from eating poisonous bulbous plants. **Note: Do not attempt to self treat unless suitably qualified. Seek the advice of a medical professional.**

The typical lifespan is thirty to forty years and it can establish its self without shelter, shade or grass fire protection. Seedlings older than a year can re-sprout after a veld fire. However various parasitical mistletoe plants can lead to it's decline if established in the tree's crown.

The Acacia karroo has a long tap root which enables it to extract water and nutrients deep in the soil beneath. In arid areas it is an indicator of water both above and beneath the soil.

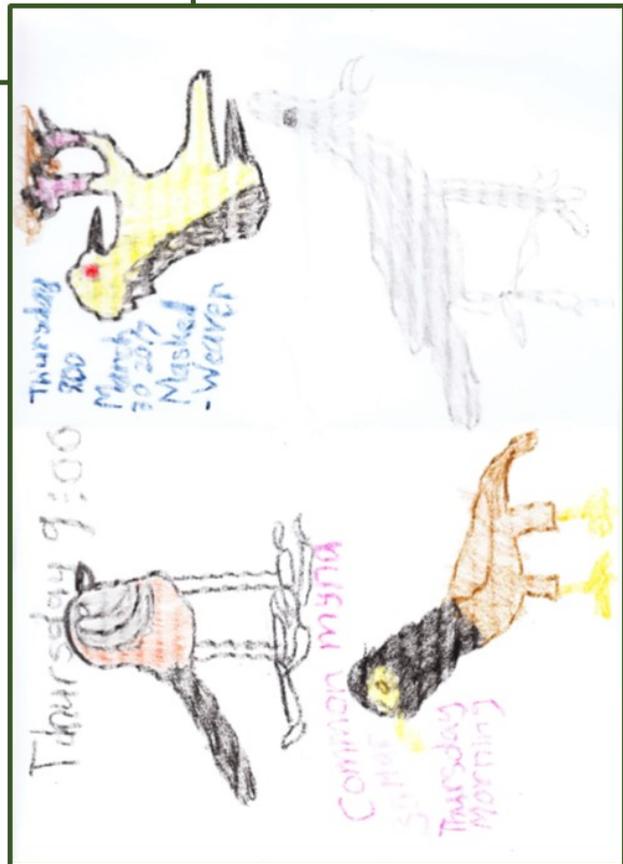
An attractive garden specimen the tree will be deciduous in milder climates. The roots are invasive and will pose a problem if the tree is planted too close to buildings or paving. The sweet-scented flowers are attractive to many insects which in turn attract birds. The birds can nest in the tree protected by the thorns from predators. (CN)



Information from SANBI and THE SA What Flower is That? K. Plenaar and GF Smith

Please feel free to submit any suggestions, comments or articles to editixcn@gmail.com

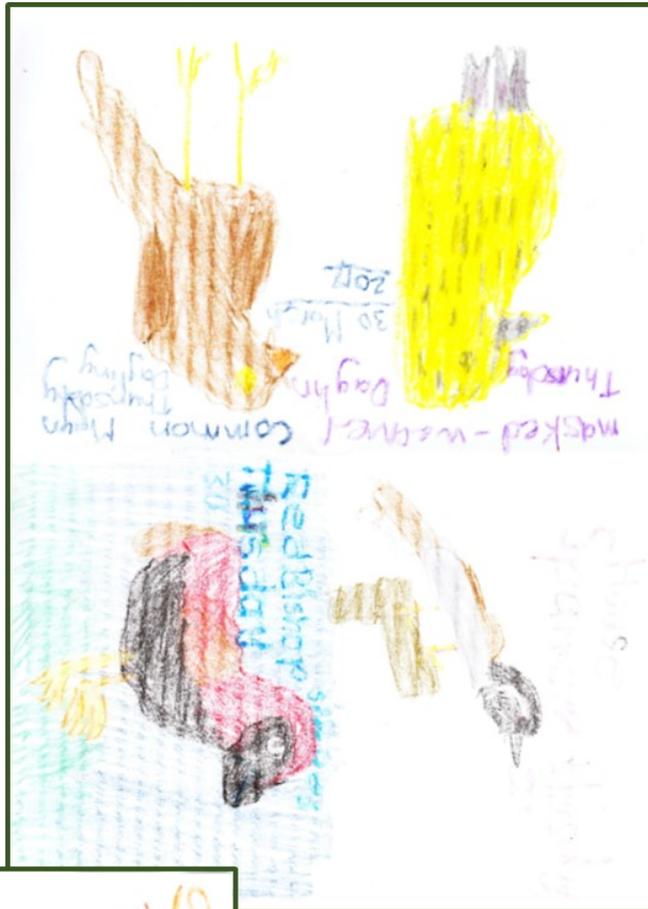
Hartford College Bird Walk - Grade 3



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Directions



Directions to "Silent Pool" Entrance (North):

Coming South from N1 or N3:

1. From N12, either via Western Bypass (N1) or Eastern Bypass (N3) get onto the Southern Bypass (N12)
2. Take Kliprivier Drive off ramp (R556) and travel South until you get to the traffic lights cnr Vorster/Columbine Ave
3. Turn right into Columbine, go under bridge and follow Columbine until the Ormonde Drive lights (Engen to the left and Dischem to the right)
4. Turn left into Ormonde Drive
5. Pass Devereux Ave on your left and just before the bridge turn left into Frandolph
6. Proceed to the end of Frandolph to the "Silent Pool" gate. Parking is outside the Reserve.

Coming from M1 South:

1. Pass Gold Reef City and Nasrec off-ramp. Look for Vereeniging—R82 (don't continue to N12 – Bloemfontein!!!) You need the correct lane here unless you want the scenic route.
2. Take Columbine off-ramp and turn left into Columbine
3. Travel down until the lights at a small shopping centre. (Dischem on your left, Steers and Engen on your right)
4. Turn right into Ormonde Drive
5. Pass Devereux Ave on your left and just before the bridge turn left into Frandolph
6. Proceed to the end of Frandolph to the "Silent Pool" gate. Parking is outside the Reserve.

Directions to Peggy Vera Entrance (South):

Coming from South N1 or N3:

1. Take the (N12) and travel to the Kliprivier Drive off-ramp (R556)
2. Travelling South turn right into Impala Rd
3. Travel 4km and turn right into Springbok Rd
4. Turn first right just before Engen into Silver Lane
5. At the T-junction turn right into Peggy Vera
6. Pass the Klipriviersberg Recreation Centre which will be on your right, the Reserve entrance is the next turn right (Parking in grounds)

Coming from M1 South:

8. Pass Gold Reef City and Nasrec off-ramp. Look for Vereeniging—R82 (don't continue to N12 – Bloemfontein!!!) You need the correct lane here unless you want the scenic route.
9. Continue on the on the R82 passing Columbine Rd off-ramp with Southgate Shopping Centre on your right
10. Travel 3km and turn left at the first traffic light into Pierpont Drive
11. Travel about 1km to the fork in the road
12. Continue to the left (Pierpont) and take an almost immediate right fork to the end of the road (T-junction—Peggy Vera)
13. Pass the recreation centre on your right, the next entrance is to the Reserve (Parking in grounds)

NOTICE BOARD

Sunday Walks

Do you want to walk in the reserve but are unsure where to go? Would you prefer to be accompanied by a knowledgeable guide? Experience the beauty of the local flora and fauna right here on your own doorstep.

When: Every 4th Sunday of the month (This month is the Autumn Walk and Breakfastsee next page for full details!!!!)

Where: Entrance Precinct, Peggy Vera Rd

Time: 08h00

Contact: Lea Brash on leabrash@kolisa.co.za

Cost: see next page (Booking and advance payment essential)

Payment: Deposit into bank account and email proof of payment to leabrash@kolisa.co.za (Ref = Autumn)

Bring: Don't forget sufficient water, walking shoes, hat and sun-block



Bird Walks with Kevin Lavery

Discover the abundance of bird life in the KNR with Kevin every third Saturday of the month. Check the Events Calendar for times as they vary throughout the year.

Remember to bring along your binoculars, hat, sunscreen and water.

Happy Twitching.....



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No racism, foul language or personal insults will be permitted. Please be respectful of others opinions .

Spill-Over Notice Board

See the changing colours as Autumn settles into the KNR

Join us for a special walk and a hearty breakfast!

Experience the magic of nature's paint palette.....

Bring your camera, camera phoneor just feast the eyes.....All are welcome!

Time: 08h00

Date: Sunday 23 April 2017

Where: Meet at the Cowshed next to the Farmstead

Cost: R50-00pp

Booking and Payment: leabrash@kolisa.co.za (Ref- Autumn)

Bring Along: Hat, walking shoes, water, sunblock

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Advance booking and payment absolutely essential

(See Page 2 or 8 for banking details)