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White Cedar or Cape Lilac

Melia azedarach

When to look:
Throughout the year

Usually grows
10 – 15 m high
but can reach
45 m high

Deciduous tree

Pale purple to white,
star-shaped flowers
with 5 petals

Round, yellow
berries that are
1 – 2 cm in diameter

Bright glossy green,
oval leaves that are
2 – 7 cm long

Images courtesy of David Midgley (flowers), Tony Rodd (fruit and leaves)

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Tick Bush

Kunzea ambigua

When to look:
Spring through summer

Each small fruit
is 2.5 – 3.5 mm
long and contains
many seeds

Evergreen shrub

Grows up to 3.5 m high

Narrow, linear
leaves with slightly
hairy surfaces

White and globular
flower heads

Flowers are
honey-scented
and have a fluffy
appearance

Images courtesy of Andrew Maltman (plant), Neil Saunders (flower)

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Jelly Blubber

Catostylus mosaicus

When to look:
Throughout the year,
but particularly around summer

Large bell varying in
colour from bright blue to
creamy white or brown

Its bell is up to
35 cm across

Washed up on
beach

Eight
cauliflower-
like tentacles

Images courtesy of Kylie Pitt

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Moon jelly

Aurelia aurita

Where to look

- In open oceans and estuaries
- Washed up on beaches
- Australia wide

Transparent
mushroom or
bell shaped

4 conspicuous gonads
forming clover shape

Size: up to 40cm in diameter

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Peron's Tree Frog
Litoria peroni

When to look:
September to January



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Striped Marsh Frog
Limnodynastes peronii

When to look:
August to April



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Southern Bullfrog, Eastern Banjo or Eastern Pobblebonk Frog
Limnodynastes dumerilii

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Garden Skinks
Lampropholis guichenoti and *L. delicata*

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September to February



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Eastern Water Skink

Eulamprus quoyii

When to look:

September to April

Dark brown to olive back with a green-gold shine and small black spots

Yellow or white stripe runs along each side from its eyes

Black on its upper sides with small white spots, and cream to white with dark spots on its lower sides

Its total length is 25 – 30 cm



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