



Biodiversity Hotspot



Wildflower Wonderland

Nestled within the Cape Floral Kingdom, the Van Stadens Wildflower Reserve is a 600-hectare biodiversity hotspot that plays a vital role in preserving South Africa's rich ecological heritage.

Second Oldest Nature Reserve in South Africa

Established as a protected Wildflower Reserve and Bird Sanctuary in 1951, the Reserve is a sanctuary for rare and indigenous species, safeguarding **eleven critically endangered endemic plants**, many of which are found nowhere else in the world.



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Explore two distinct biomes

Visitors have the opportunity to explore two distinct biomes: the **Algoa Grassy Fynbos**, a rare ecosystem home to delicate fynbos species, and the **lush Coastal Riverine Forest**, filled with towering trees and dense undergrowth.

These biomes create a rich tapestry of biodiversity, offering not only breath-taking views but also insight into the region's ecological diversity.



"The future belongs to our youth, and preserving our natural resources is a critical part of ensuring they inherit a world worth living in." **Nelson Mandela**

Pollinators and Biodiversity



The Reserve supports numerous pollinators crucial for maintaining the rich biodiversity of the area.

Key pollinators include the Cape Sugarbird, sunbirds like the Malachite and Southern Double-collared Sunbird, honeybees, butterflies such as the Painted Lady and Blue Pansy, Carpenter Bees, and various beetles. These species help sustain not only the local flora but also the broader ecosystem, ensuring the survival of many plant species that rely on them for reproduction.




> 11000
 Visitors per annum
 (2023)


600 ha
 Hectares under
 conservation


15
 Rare, endemic &
 threatened plants


12
 Green jobs created
 (YTD2024)


R 1.2 M
 Funds raised
 (YTD2024)


20 ha
 Alien invasive
 plants controlled