

What's flowering in January?



MALVACEAE

Hermannia ternifolia

Poprosie; Doll's rose

Flowers from September to January. They are known as the porcelain bells of South Africa. They grow from an underground rootstock which helps them to survive droughts and fires

Prof Carl Herman, a German botanist, starting collecting them in 1670.



APIACEAE

Annesorhiza macrocarpa

Wilde anyswortel

This is a perennial of 1.6 m. These are the seeds.

They start flowering in September. The leaves are absent during flowering period. The flowers are a showy and pale yellow (seen left); the seeds seen right.



CRASSULACEAE

Tylecodon grandiflorus

Roisuikerblom or Bandjiesbos

A succulent shrublet of 50 cm, often sprawling. Leaves mostly dry when flowering. It resembles ribbons tied to the end of a stick.

A very poisonous plant.



FABACEAE

Otholobium bracteolatum

Skaapbostee

A perennial shrub of about 1.5 m with trifoliate leaves. It bears bright blue peaflowers in tight clusters.



ASTERACEAE

Helichrysum patulum

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A herb which flowers from November to January. It is known by its distinct soft grey foliage.

Has a very spicy fragrance when touched.



PLUMBAGINACEAE

Limonium purpuratum

Sea lavender; Papierblom

This grows only on the sandy West Coast.

A tufted shrublet with smooth, paddle-shaped leaves. It bears clusters of mauve, papery flowers from November to January. Very sought after as a cut flower. Has been hybridized into pot plants and cut flowers all over the world especially Australia and New Zealand.



AMARYLLIDACEAE

Euclea racemosa

Kersbos

Compact shrublet with thick, leathery leaves.

Flowers are small, bell-shaped and creamy white in colour.

Flowers from December to March.