

What's flowering in May?



RHAMNACEAE

Phyllica ericoides Harde blaar

A closely, leafy shrublet with needle-like leaves.

Leaves are revolute (margins rolled under). They flower throughout the year, but prominently in May with a distinct honey smell.



AIZOACEAE

Carpobrotus edulis Sour fig; Suurvy

A trailing succulent which grows like a ground cover. It flowers throughout summer. The flowers start off yellow and turn pink with age.

The fruit, once dried, is used to make jam.



ASTERACEAE

Osteospermum monilifera

Tickberry; Bietou

These bushes of up to 2m are covered in yellow daisy-like flowers from March to November.

Some say they smell like chocolate.

This is followed by red or black edible berries, which we believe were an important Khoi food.