



One Tree Art Prize

Artist: Bridget Seaton

Title: Wandoo

GPS: -32.7838192,116.9367703

Venture a little further inland and the Jarrah, Marri Forests give way to open Wandoo Woodlands. I came across this Wandoo tree during my winter wanderings last year, a giant amongst its community of trees in the Dryandra Woodlands near Narrogin. Much of the character of the Wandoo tree is held in its bark and gnarled trunks.

In the presence of this tree, I was compelled to linger and run my hands along its trunk. The bark peels away at different times of the year revealing a warm colour palette of reds, creams, apricots and mauves.

Due to the oils in the bark that lie scattered at the base of the tree in colourful shards, not much vegetation can grow underneath the tree, causing its trunk to glow with the afternoon sunlight in stark contrast to the ground.