

FGASA WILDFLOWER GUIDE CERTIFICATES



The FGASA Wildflower certificates are divided into three categories:

- Local Wildflower Guide Certificate
- Regional Wildflower Guide Certificate
- The SKS(Wildflower) Certificate

LOCAL WILDFLOWER GUIDE CERTIFICATE

A Local Wildflower guide is a FGASA guide operating as a nature site guide specialising in guided wildflower experiences in a specific game reserve, nature reserve or botanical garden.

The Local Wildflower guide has already attained a FGASA Nature Guide qualification. The objective of this qualification is to equip existing guides with the skills required to conduct a wild flower experience within a specific natural environment.

At this level the guide:

- Is operating as a nature guide specialising in wildflower knowledge as a specialist wildflower guide in a reserve or botanical garden.
- The competence of wildflower guiding at this level is assessed within a specific reserve or botanical garden site.
- Has attained either a FGASA Field Guide qualification (FGASA Field Guide (NQF2), Advanced Field Guide (NQF4) or Specialist Field Guide).
- Has been declared competent against the FGASA **Wildflower guiding skills practical assessment.**
- Has a valid, up-to-date recognised First Aid certificate.

REGIONAL WILDFLOWER GUIDE CERTIFICATE

A Regional Wildflower guide is a FGASA guide operating as a nature site guide specialising in guided wildflower experiences.

The Wildflower guide has already attained a FGASA nature guiding qualification. The objective of this qualification is to equip existing guides with the skills required to conduct a wild flower experience through the natural environment.

At this level the guide:

- Is operating as a nature guide specialising in wildflower knowledge in a region or Biome(s).
- May be operating as a competent Regional Wildflower Guide in a few different sites, areas or biomes. The competence of wildflower guiding at this level is assessed within different vegetation areas or biomes.
- Has attained either a FGASA Field Guide qualification (FGASA Field Guide (NQF2), Advanced Field Guide (NQF4) or Specialist Field Guide)
- Has been declared competent against the FGASA wildflower slide assessment and the wildflower guiding skills practical assessment.
- Has a valid, up-to-date recognised First Aid certificate.

How do I get a FGASA Regional Wildflower Qualification?

Once you have attained any one of the following nature guiding qualifications or higher:

- FGASA Field Guide (NQF2)

You will then be eligible to apply to be practically assessed for the FGASA Regional Wildflower Guiding Qualification by means of:

- A slide assessment
- A wildflower guiding skills practical assessment.

IMPORTANT: You will only be eligible for the wildflower guiding skills practical assessment once you have been declared competent for the wildflower Slide assessment.

There is no theory examination for the Regional wildflower guide qualification.

The **practical assessment** for the Regional wildflower guide qualification is carried out by a registered FGASA wildflower assessor in a guiding area of your choice.

You will need to take the assessor on a guided wildflower experience in a wildflower area or your choice (with or without paying clients), preferably with clients.

The practical assessment will be explained to you in detail by your assessor in the pre-assessment brief. The assessor will make sure that you know what you will be assessed on so that you can prepare yourself for this assessment. Payment for your practical assessment is made directly to the assessor and does not come via the FGASA office.

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You can choose which vegetation Region/Biome you want to be assessed for. The Slide assessment will assess all the areas that you want to be assessed for, however the Practical wildflower skills assessment will take place in one area only to assess wildflower guiding skills.

Once you have been declared competent for the Wildflower Slide assessment and the Wildflower skills practical assessment you will have attained the FGASA Regional Wildflower Guide Qualification for the specific area/Biome in which you have been assessed competent to guide in. The Regional Wildflower Guiding Certificate will reflect which areas you have been assessed competent to guide in. For example: Waterberg Wildflower Guide. If you are assessed as competent for all the areas (biomes) you will be deemed a National Wildflower Guide.

This qualification will require the following:

- The guide will be assessed by means of the Wildflower Slide assessment.
- The guide will be assessed by means of a Wildflower Skills Practical assessment.
- There is **no** theory examination for this qualification.

The Slide assessment (visual identification)

This assessment consists of one section for each of the vegetation areas / biomes that you wish to be assessed for.

The slide identification assessment will consist of between 100 and 200 slides depending on the area you are being assessed for. The variations in the number of slides used for the assessment will depend on the total number of known species of flowers in the area. A certain percentage of flowers in the area will be used for the slide identification assessment.

You will be required to name both the common name and the scientific name of each flower depicted in the slide. If there is no known common name for a flower you will need to state this apart from giving the full scientific name.

Wildflower Lists

All wildflower species lists that you are required to know for all areas in the country will be obtainable from the FGASA office. These lists will inform you of what species you need to know for the areas in terms of identification. These wildflower lists can be emailed to you or you can obtain a copy of the lists from the FGASA office.

What learning materials do I need for the Regional Wildflower Guide qualification?

The following learning materials are recommended:

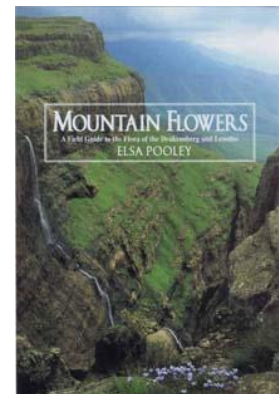
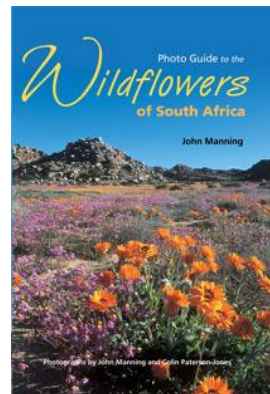
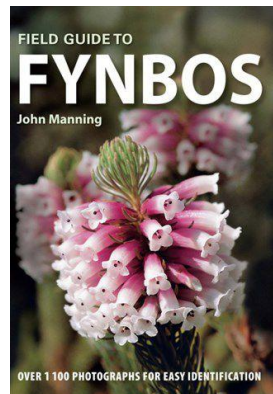
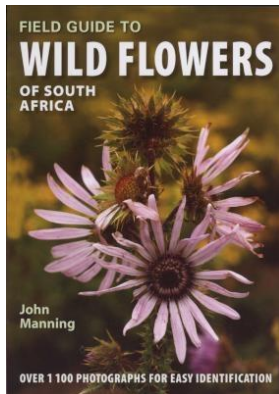
There are many books on wildflowers, most of which are very specific to areas. It is recommended that you make use of any flower identification books that are relevant to your area of guiding operation.

Some examples:

- Field Guide to the Wild Flowers of the Highveld – Van Wyk and Malan
- A Field Guide to the Proteas of Southern Africa – Rebelo
- Field Guide to Fynbos – Manning

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- Wild flowers of South Africa – John Manning
- Wild flowers of KZN & the eastern region – Elsa Pooley
- Mountain flowers – Elsa Pooley
- Common Wild flowers of the Okavango Delta – Veronica Roodt.
- South African wildflower Guides: Namaqualand / Outeniqua / Cape Peninsula
Transvaal Lowveld & Escarpment / Hottentots Holland to Hermanus / Karoo /
West Coast / Southern Overberg / Nieuvoordville



SKS(WILDFLOWER) GUIDE QUALIFICATION

The SKS wildflower guide is a Specialist Field Guide who specialises in guided wildflower experiences. This guide can interpret the wildflower environment and conduct a wildflower experience at an advanced level of knowledge and skill. This guide can integrate the wildflower experience into the broader ecological environment.

At this level the guide:

- Is operating as a professional nature guide specialising in wildflower guiding as a specialist wildflower guide at an advanced level.
- May be operating as a competent Specialist Wildflower Guide in several different sites, areas or biomes. The competence of wildflower guiding at this level is assessed within different vegetation areas or biomes.
- Has attained a FGASA Specialist Field Guide qualification.
- Has been declared competent against the FGASA wildflower theory examination assessment, the slide assessment and the wildflower guiding skills practical assessment.
- Has a valid, up-to-date recognised First Aid certificate.

How do I get a FGASA SKS (Wildflowers) qualification?

Once you have attained the FGASA Specialist Field Guide Qualification you will be eligible to apply write the SKS (wildflower) theoretical examination to be practically assessed for the FGASA Specialist Wildflower Guiding Qualification by means of:

- A wildflower theory examination
- A wildflower slide assessment
- A wildflower guiding skills practical assessment.

IMPORTANT: You will only be eligible for the wildflower guiding skills practical assessment once you have been declared competent for the wildflower theory examination and the Wildflower Slide assessment.

The **practical assessment** for the SKS (wildflower) qualification is carried out by a registered FGASA wildflower assessor in a guiding area of your choice. You will need to take the assessor on a guided wildflower experience in a wildflower area or your choice (with or without paying clients), preferably with clients.

The practical assessment will be explained to you in detail by your assessor in the pre-assessment brief. The assessor will make sure that you know what you will be assessed on so that you can prepare yourself for this assessment. Payment for your practical assessment is made directly to the assessor and does not come via the FGASA office.

You can choose which vegetation areas / biomes you want to be assessed for. The Slide assessment will assess all the areas that you want to be assessed for, however the practical Wildflower Skills Assessment will take place in one area only to assess Wildflower guiding skills.

Once you have been declared competent for the Wildflower theory examination, the Slide Assessment, and the wildflower skills practical assessment you will have attained the FGASA SKS (Wildflower) Qualification for the specific area/Biome in which you have been assessed competent to guide in. The SKS (Wildflowers) qualification (and certificate) will reflect which areas you have been assessed competent to guide in. For example: SKS (Wildflowers) - Waterberg. If you have been assessed as competent for all the areas (biomes) you will be deemed an SKS (Wildflower) National guide.

The Slide assessment (visual identification)

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What learning materials do I need for the SKS (wildflower) qualification?

The following learning materials are compulsory:

1. Wildflower Learner Manual – Lee Gutteridge

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THE SYLLABUS FOR THE FGASA SKS(WILDFLOWER) QUALIFICATION

The FGASA SKS(Wildflower) Syllabus includes the following modules:

Module number	MODULE NAME
1.	Classification of flowers
2.	Flower morphology and structure
3.	Plant physiology
4.	Plant reproduction
5.	Seed types, dispersal, and association with other plants
6.	Carnivorous and other interesting plant behaviour
7.	Medicinal preparations and uses