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View From The Top

The water levels in Cape Town service dams remain a deep concern. At time of writing we are at about 40% of desirable level, and (by our count) need at least 200mm of rain throughout the catchment area(s) within the month of September. The disaster has been measured in human terms only. But the water crisis is affecting every aspect of life – human, animal and plant life.

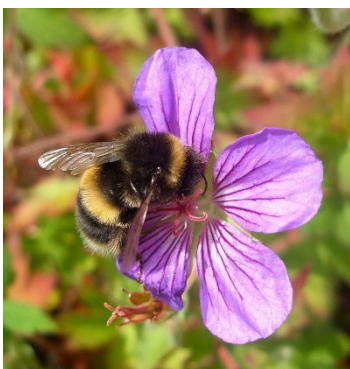
The only short term solution is to pray for rain. In the longer term we need desalination facilities.

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Birding Plant of the Month

Pelargonium (*Pelargonium alchemilloides*, and other variants)

The geranium family are well known plants with our gardening community. They grow easily throughout South Africa, being small plants they are suitable for small gardens, and they have very pretty flowers (pink, and other colours). Frankly, one can plant them in window pots, rock gardens – actually virtually anywhere. What they do is attract bees (and other insects). These in turn attract birds. Insects are critical to a healthy garden.



Geranium

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Specials of the Month

The August specials proved to be the most popular yet!! As a result, Nature's Heart will retain these specials for September!

Valid until 22 September 2017 or while stocks last. (All prices include VAT).

1): Decorative Nectar Feeders (Butterfly and Chameleon).

R100,00

2): Large Nectar Feeder

R110,00

3): Nectar Mix Sachet.

R6,50

4): Nectar Mix Bulk Bags

R60,00

5): Sparrow Hotel

R190,00

6): Robin Nesting Box

R170,00

7): Sparrow Nesting House

R120,00

8): Wooden Bird Perch

R90,00

Bon Mots

A golf quote that is a lesson in life!!

Q: What is the most important shot in golf?

A: The next shot!

(attributed to Ben Hogan)

Environmental Chirps

Mozambique is being supported by South Africa through the donation of a large number of animals (2300 of various species) from KZN. These will be housed in the Maputo Special Reserve.

It sounds great, and we are all for expanding conservation

efforts (and obviously beyond our borders).

But one cannot help but be concerned about the fact that they do not have their own (abundant) wildlife in what is after all a pristine zone. The simple reason is poaching, associated with massive corruption and mis-management over many years.

How is South Africa going to assure that we have not merely provided a large number of our own animals for an illegal foreign slaughter?

Bird of the Month

Grey Lourie (*Corythaixoides concolor*) (Now known as a "Go-Away-Bird").

"Our" Lourie made bird of the month in September purely because he (actually a pair "he and she") have given us so much pleasure in August. In total we have six, but one pair particularly have made themselves at home. They are happy to feed from our hands, and call for their meal in the morning.

The first love is banana, followed by papaya, followed by apple. **Warning: We have found them excreting Syringe pips.**

So far no youngster. Let us hope that spring brings exciting news!

