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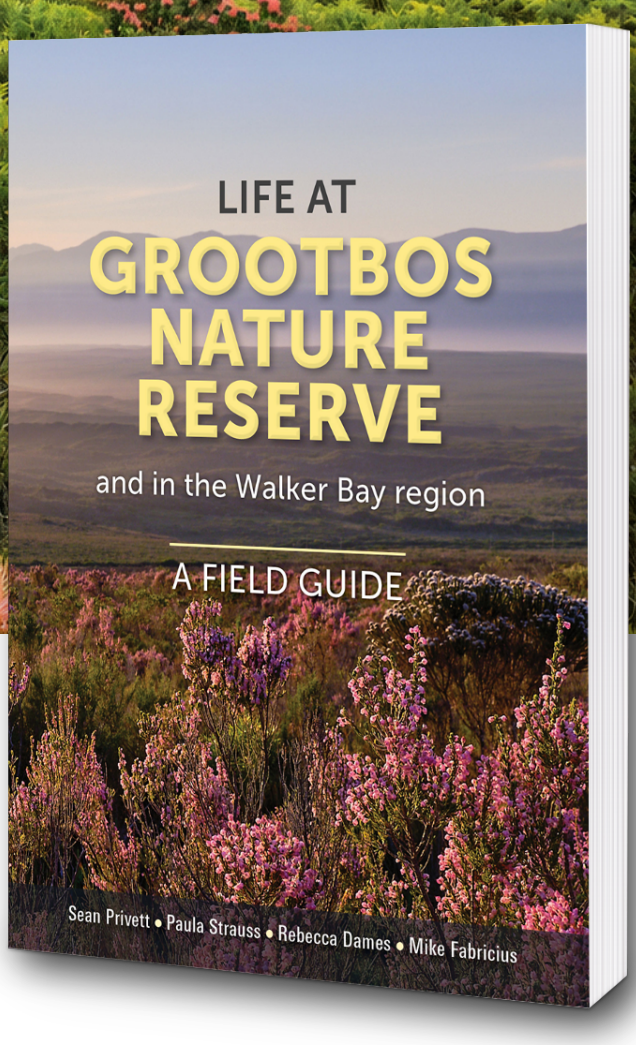
5 DECEMBER 2026 • 10H30 FOR 11H00

AT THE HAROLD PORTER NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

Cnr Clarence Drive & Broadwith Rd, Betty's Bay

Discover the natural wonders of Grootbos and the Walker Bay region



JOIN AUTHORS SEAN PRIVETT, REBECCA DAMES, PAULA STRAUSS AND MIKE FABRICIUS

as they explore the extraordinary biodiversity of Grootbos and the Walker Bay region.

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Through engaging storytelling and personal discoveries, they'll share their favourite natural wonders – from fascinating fynbos plants and pollinators to fungi, insects, frogs, birds and mammals – revealing the intricate relationships that sustain this rich ecosystem, along with insights into the conservation work behind this comprehensive new field guide.



SEAN PRIVETT, botanist, Managing Director and founder of the Grootbos Foundation, has worked at the reserve since 1997. A passionate conservationist, accomplished researcher and engaging storyteller, he has published numerous scientific papers and contributed to the *Grootbos Florilegium*. He draws on decades of experience and the expertise of the Grootbos Conservation Research Team to showcase the region's extraordinary biodiversity.

REBECCA DAMES, Conservation and Research Programme Manager at Grootbos, is passionate about the region's flora and protecting the Agulhas Plain's rich biodiversity, with a particular interest in the connections between ecology, conservation and local communities.

PAULA STRAUSS, Research Manager at Grootbos, leads research projects at the reserve, championing an interdisciplinary approach to biodiversity conservation. She is also co-founder of the Grootbos Entomology Programme.

MIKE FABRICIUS, Reserve Manager at Grootbos, is a zoologist, entomologist and nature conservationist dedicated to ecological research and the protection of the region's rich biodiversity.

Have your copy signed by the authors!

Refreshments will be served from 10h30.
Talk starts at 11h00.

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