

LOWER SILVERMINE RIVER – ON THE DUNES

Where you are standing, used to be sand dunes. Most of these have been destroyed due to the development of housing. There are only the dunes on the beach left.

 <p>Marram grass This grass is common on the dunes and the roots can be seen when the winds blow the sand away. When the winds blow in the other direction, the roots are covered again.</p>	 <p>.Senecio elegans It belongs to the aster family and is also known as a wild cinararia</p>	 <p>Senecio maritimus It is widely cultivated as an ornamental plant</p>	 <p>.Crab spider – Spot the yellow spider on the petal, extremely well camouflaged.</p>
 <p>Sea pumpkin A common dune plant. The leaves are hairy to reduce desiccation of the plant.</p>	 <p>.Acacia Cyclops – rooikrans This is a Cat. 1 alien plant which must be removed and destroyed.</p>	 <p>Acacia saligna Port Jackson This is a Cat. 1 alien plant which must be removed and destroyed</p>	 <p>Padloper tortoise. This little animal is not often seen. No more than 10cm long. Good climbers, easily manage steep slopes.</p>
 <p>Carpobrotus A well known plant that is a good dune stabiliser. There are several varieties and different coloured flowers.</p>	 <p>Mouse tracks All sorts of little tracks can be seen on the dunes if you look closely.</p>	 <p>Tetragonia decumbens It is also known as Sea Spinach and is a coastal shrub native to Southern Africa</p>	 <p>White fronted Plover. A very fast runner that lays its eggs on the dunes. Please stop your dogs from chasing the birds, as they may destroy the eggs.</p>