



Olive Pink   
Botanic Garden  
Alice Springs

Central Australian Plants  
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Bushfood and Medicinal Plants

Olive Muriel Pink arrived for the first time in Alice Springs in 1930, thus beginning a 45 year connection with Central Australia. Her passion for social justice for Aboriginal people led her first into an anthropological research career, and then into a protracted political campaign to establish a sanctuary for tribal Walpiri people in the Tanami Desert

Miss Pink is a legendary figure around Alice Springs - her letter writing and telephone campaigns targeting bureaucrats and politicians on all manner of issues are the stuff of folk lore, as are memories of her somewhat fierce and unyielding nature.

In 1956, at the age of 72, Miss Pink was successful in having the "Australian Arid Regions Flora Reserve" gazetted and became the Reserve's Honorary Curator - a position she held until her death in 1975.

Working alongside her Walpiri gardener Johnny Jampinjpa Yannarilyi, Miss Pink battled drought conditions, feral goats and rabbits to establish plantings of arid zone trees and shrubs within the Reserve. Some of the bean trees, red gums and mulgas she and Johnny planted survive within the Garden today.



The Olive Pink Botanic Garden was opened to the public in 1985 and there are now over 600 central Australian plants represented in the garden, 145 of these occur naturally within the rocky hill habitat. There are 40 rare or threatened species present look for 2 horizontal lines on their label.



Artemis Stories

Labyrinth

Blakeman Garden & Shelter

Visitor Centre & Café

Waterhole

Wattles

The Gazebo

Eremophila Garden

The Mallee

Ancient Landscapes

Saline Garden

Spinifex Boardwalk

Our Heritage

Desert Dunes



A network of walking trails takes visitors around the garden and up on to Annie Myers Hill, where great views of Alice Springs, the Todd River and the MacDonnell Ranges can be seen. There are the self guided walks and interpretive signs to help the visitors learn about desert plants, their uses and about the life of the Garden's founder Miss Pink.

Excellent birdwatching and wildlife viewing exist in the Garden - Euros (hill kangaroos) are commonly seen, and over 80 bird species have been recorded. Shelters provide areas for picnics or relaxing and these facilities can also be hired for private functions.