

# Mountford

## Helena Taelor

I grew up in the country so have always had a special interest in nature.

Being able to view the delicate structure of plants through a macro lens on a camera was like opening a whole new magical world. From dried up weeds juxtaposed against colourful debris littered on roadsides to delicate orchids growing in the middle of dense forests, I spent every available moment recording the tiny specimens I found.

In the process I developed a profound respect for the little weeds that struggle for survival under the harshest of conditions - searing heat, howling winds, frost, arid sand and boggy mud. Their seeds lodge in any nook and cranny where they can take hold and grow to repeat the cycle and perpetuate their species.

Books have been written about the obsessive pull orchids can have. I felt the allure and dashed madly around the countryside from Eneabba in the north to Augusta in the south searching for these elusive little plants. Sadly, some of them are becoming increasingly hard to find; some even extinct through the removal of their natural habitat and development of the environment for human activity.

These images are just a few of the many photographs I took using both black and white and colour negative film. I printed them myself using the Lith process for the B&W and high gloss RA4 paper for the colour prints.



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## EDUCATION

Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Photography)  
Diploma of Art Management  
Associate Member AIPP

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 Fotofreo Fringe Festival (combined exhibition – Orangery, Shenton Park)  
Fotocentral (combined exhibition – CIT Perth)
- 2009 West Australian Professional Photography Awards (WAPPA)
- 2008 Fotofreo Fringe Festival (combined exhibition) – Royal George Art  
Gallery, Fremantle WA  
WAPPA
- 2007 WAPPA
- 2006 Solo Exhibition Kerbside Fantasia - Monart Studio & Gallery, Dalkeith WA  
WAPPA
- 2005 WAPPA
- 2004 WAPPA  
Photography Gallery of Western Australia  
Inside the Square
- 2003 WAPPA  
Iris Awards
- 2001 Fujifilm Site Unseen - A Student Photographic
- 2000 Collection 01, 02, 03

## PUBLISHED WORKS

- 2008 AIPP Year Book
- 2006 Western Australia – Land of Rising Stars  
Fujifilm Site Unseen (courtesy image Provia 100F)
- 2005 AIPP Year Book
- 2004 AIPP Year Book
- 2003 AIPP Year Book
- 2001 AIPP Year Book  
Fujifilm Site Unseen Photographic Collection
- 2000 Fujifilm Site Unseen Photographic Collection
- 1999 Fujifilm Site Unseen Photographic Collection



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## AWARDS

Australian Professional Photography Awards – 2008  
Silver x 2 – Scientific, Nature & Environment

New Zealand Professional Photography Awards 2007  
Bronze - Creative

Australian Professional Photography Awards 2006  
Silver Awards x 3 – Scientific Nature Category

Australian Professional Photography Awards 2006  
Silver Distinction Award – Scientific Nature

Australian Professional Photography Awards 2005  
Silver Award - Biomedical/ Scientific Category

West Australian Professional Photography Awards 2004  
Curators Award

Australian Professional Photography Awards 2004  
Silver Award - Environmental Portrait Category  
Associate Photographer Award

Australian Professional Photography Awards 2003  
Silver Distinction Award - Illustrative Category  
Silver Award - Editorial Category

Ilford Tertiary Student Photography Awards 2001  
1st Prize 3rd Year Category

Australian Professional Photography Awards 2001  
Silver Award (Student) - Environmental Portrait

Mt Lawley College TAFE – Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Photography)  
Student of the Year – 2000

Ilford Tertiary Student Photography Awards 2000  
3rd Prize 2nd Year Category

Visions of Vincent Photography Awards 2000  
Cultural Award

Visions of Vincent Photography Awards 1999  
1st prize - Adult Category

Perth Royal Agricultural Show Art Award 1999  
Highly Commended

York Photographic Awards 1998 to 2004  
Highly Commended

City of Gosnells Art Awards 1999  
1st Prize – Photography category

Pinjarra Art Awards 1999  
Highly Commended - Small Pictures Category