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 **ECO VINEYARDS**  
GROWING RESILIENCE NATURALLY

**Growing in harmony  
with nature**



# JAN



*Rhodanthe chloreocephala*, native everlasting daisy at Skillogalee, Clare Valley [Photo: Kerri Thompson]



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Now is the time to release biocontrol agents before pest insect numbers reach economic action thresholds; ensure optimal nutritional integrity, so grapevines have greater resilience against pathogens; irrigate and maintain weed control around new insectary plants as they establish and monitor for good bugs found in association.

# FEB



*Celaenia excavata*, bird-dropping spider is an important predator of grapevine insect pests



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Now is the time to maintain water to new insectary plantings; remove weed competition while new insectary plants establish and monitor for predatory arthropods found in association.



# MAR



*Mallada signatus*, green lacewing (aka 'junk bug') is an important predator of soft bodied insect pests



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# APR



Check out the soil health indicators for Australian vineyards booklet and posters on the EcoVineyards website





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Now is the time to finalise your weed control prior to planting native grasses/forbs, and assess soil health indicators in the vineyard (including earthworm counts).

# MAY



Hydroseeding insectary ground covers using the hydroviner at Bremerton Wines, Langhorne Creek



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# JUN



*Hardenbergia violacea*, native violet is one of the few native insectary plants that flowers during winter



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Now is the time to pick up pre-ordered tube stock from the nursery; plant insectary plants and assess soil health indicators in the vineyard.

# JUL



*Harmonia conformis*, common spotted ladybird can be found all year in the vineyard, Mount Benson





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Now is the time to plant insectary plants (remember to pledge your plants - see the EcoVineyards website) and assess soil health indicators in the vineyard.

# AUG



100% multi-species ground cover at Oakridge Wines, Yarra Valley [Photo: Steve Faulkner]



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Now is the time to plant insectary plants (don't forget to order plants with your local nursery for next autumn) and assess soil health indicators in the vineyard.



# SEP



*Micromus tasmaniae*, brown lacewing is an important predator of grapevine soft-bodied insect pests



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# OCT



*Leptospermum continentale*, prickly tea-tree supports an abundance of predatory arthropods





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# NOV



*Rytidosperma* spp. wallaby grasses planted in the midrow, Barossa Valley [Photo: Dan Falkenberg]



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# DEC



*Bursaria spinosa*, sweet bursaria supports an abundance of predatory arthropods



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