





Growing in harmony with nature

# JAN



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



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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.





*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.

# NAR



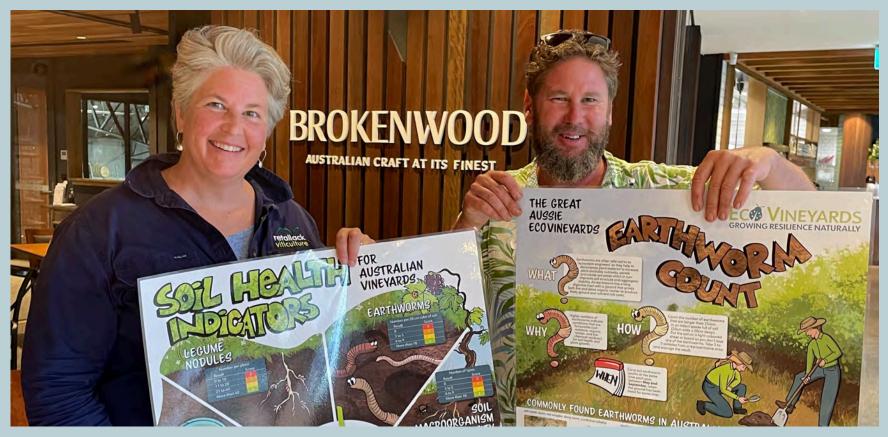
Mallada signatus, green lacewing (aka 'junk bug') is an important predator of soft bodied insect pests



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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).

## NAY



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.



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

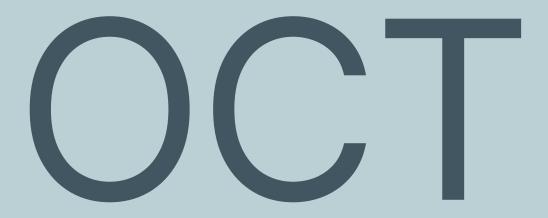


Micromus tasmaniae, brown lacewing is an important predator of grapevine soft-bodied insect pests



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



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



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Bursaria spinosa, sweet bursaria supports an abundance of predatory arthropods



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