

Meet our

R10 000 winner!



Green gardener, Piet de Jager.

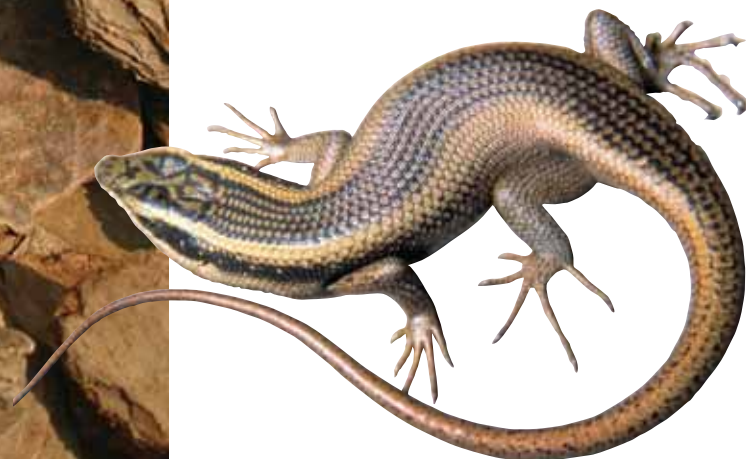
The first biannual winner of the SA Gardening Green Trust Eco-Gardener of the Month Award is Piet de Jager of Monument Park, Pretoria, who wins a whopping R10 000

For the last six months, SA Gardening, Nedbank Green Affinity and The Green Trust have been searching for South Africa's top eco-gardeners in order to recognise their contribution to the conservation of our environment.

Entries from green gardeners across the country indicated a growing trend towards the practice of gardening in harmony with the environment. It is heartening to see the passion of our local gardeners for responsible and sustainable gardening methods.

This month, Piet de Jager was chosen out of our five finalists as the biannual winner of R10 000.

Piet's garden > Piet de Jager's indigenous and eco-friendly garden in Pretoria measures 900 square metres and consists of a rocky outcrop, which, when the house was built in 1965, was covered with black wattle trees, which were removed and replaced with an indigenous garden. The garden is divided into five 'rooms', with vistas from one to the other. 🍏



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- 1 As the soil is poor, Piet uses liberal amounts of homemade compost, supplemented with Talborne organic fertilisers. All garden beds are also well mulched.
- 2 Piet's sisal log is home to a woodpecker.
- 3 There is no irrigation system or borehole, so Piet waters sparingly by hand with a hosepipe only where needed. Water is also collected in a huge rainwater tank.
- 4 Black wattle trees were removed and were replaced with 162 trees/shrubs (with SA tree numbers). All plants in the garden are indexed with name plates.
- 5 Piet propagates his indigenous plants for his own use and as gifts.
- 6 Piet's indigenous garden containing more than 750 plant species, which attract birds, butterflies, lizards and frogs.



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