

12. Bear right across the carpark to see on your right **Acacia grandifolia**, a small tree with long rods of gold flowers and large grey-green leaves, photo below left. This plant is vulnerable in the wild and is found in southeastern Queensland.



13. Cross back to your left to see on your left **Acacia buxifolia** or Box-leaf Wattle, an open bush with red stems, small grey-green upright foliage and gold balls of flowers, photo above right. It is native to eastern Australia.

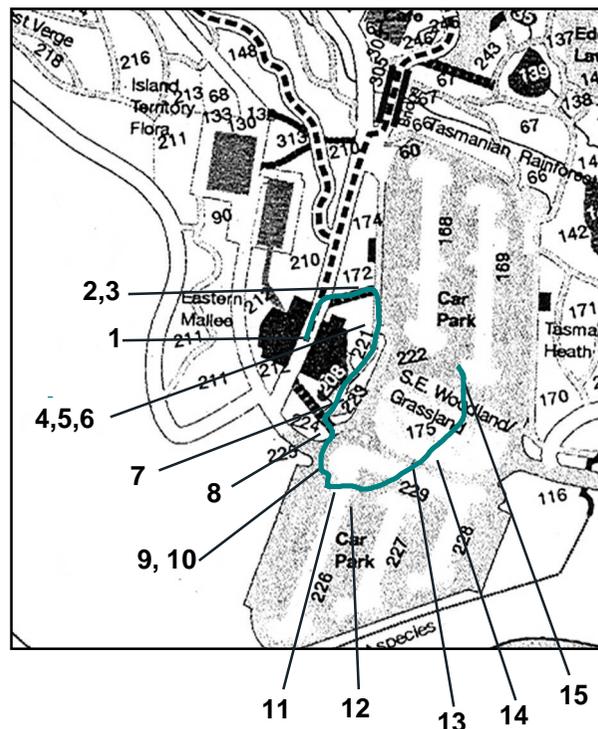
14. Turn left across the pedestrian crossing to see on your right **Acacia genistifolia** with spiky dark-green foliage and masses of cream ball flowers, photo below left. It is native to eastern New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.



15. Continue on the boardwalk, then cross the road to your left to see **Acacia filicifolia** or Fern-leaf Wattle, photo above right. This large tree has dark-green ferny foliage and pale yellow ball flowers. It occurs naturally in southern Queensland and New South Wales.



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Closeup of the flower of *Grevillea flexuosa*

(Plant # 5)



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Today we will stay close to the Visitor's Information Centre (VIC) to appreciate many of the endangered species which are in flower now.

1. As you leave the VIC look left to see in a pot **Actinodium cunninghamii** with stem-clasping green foliage and pink daisy flowers with darker pink centres, photo above. The centres are fertile while the lighter flowers around the circumference are sterile. This plant is found in southwestern Western Australia and is named after the botanist Alan Cunningham. Walk along to your right, then down the steps on your right

2. *Zieria bauerlenii* or Bomaderry Creek Zieria on your right is a small neat bush of grey-green foliage with masses of tiny pink flowers with darker pink centres, photo below left. It is endangered in the wild and is only found in a restricted area north of Nowra on the south coast of New South Wales. The plant is infertile and has never been seen to set seed or fruit but reproduces by layering.



3. *Acacia ingramii* on your right is a large bush or small tree with fine linear foliage and masses of gold flower balls, photo above right. It grows in the wild near Armidale in northern New South Wales. Turn right at the bottom of the steps.

4. *Eremophila microtheca* on your right, is a wispy grey foliaged bush with mauve tubular flowers, photo below left. The foliage has a strong minty scent. This plant is rare in the wild and only occurs in a restricted area near Kalbarri in Western Australia.



5. *Grevillea flexuosa* or Zig-Zag Grevillea is back on the right towards the building with green, prickly divided foliage and large cream rods of flower which are sweetly scented, photo above right. It is an endangered shrub which is found only in a small area east of Perth in Western Australia.

6. *Acacia aphylla* or Leafless Rock Wattle, on the right, has large gold balls of flower on leathery leafless stems, photo below. It grows naturally around Perth, Western Australia.



7. Further on your left is ***Homoranthus papillatus***, a small shrub with fine green foliage and rusty red buds opening to bright gold flowers, photo below. It is listed as vulnerable in the wild and occurs only in the Granite Belt north of Brisbane in Queensland. Go down the steps to your left.



8. *Acacia dawsonii* or Poverty Wattle, medium sized bushes with grey-green foliage covered in small yellow ball flowers are down the steps further along on your right, photo next page top left. This plant is native to New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. Go across the road.



9. *Corymbia peltata* or Rustyjacket on your right is a small tree with smooth grey-green leaves and many buds about to open, photo above right. This tree is found around Cairns in Queensland.

10. *Hardenbergia violacea* low on your right, is a vigorous vine with oblong leathery leaves and bright purple pea flowers, photo below. It is also known as Native Sarsparilla, or Purple Coral Pea.



11. Go down the steps to see on your right ***Acacia cultriformis*** 'Cascade' dropping over the wall in a fall of triangular green foliage and yellow ball flowers, photo below.

