

12. Still on your left is *Banksia spinulosa* var. *neoanglica*, or New England Banksia, with silver backed dark green foliage with yellow/gold brushes held upright (photo below left). It is a shrub that grows along the east coast of Queensland and New South Wales.



13. On your right is *Banksia spinulosa* var. *spinulosa*, or Hairpin Banksia, which is found in open forests and woodlands of the coasts and mountains of New South Wales and Queensland (photo above right).

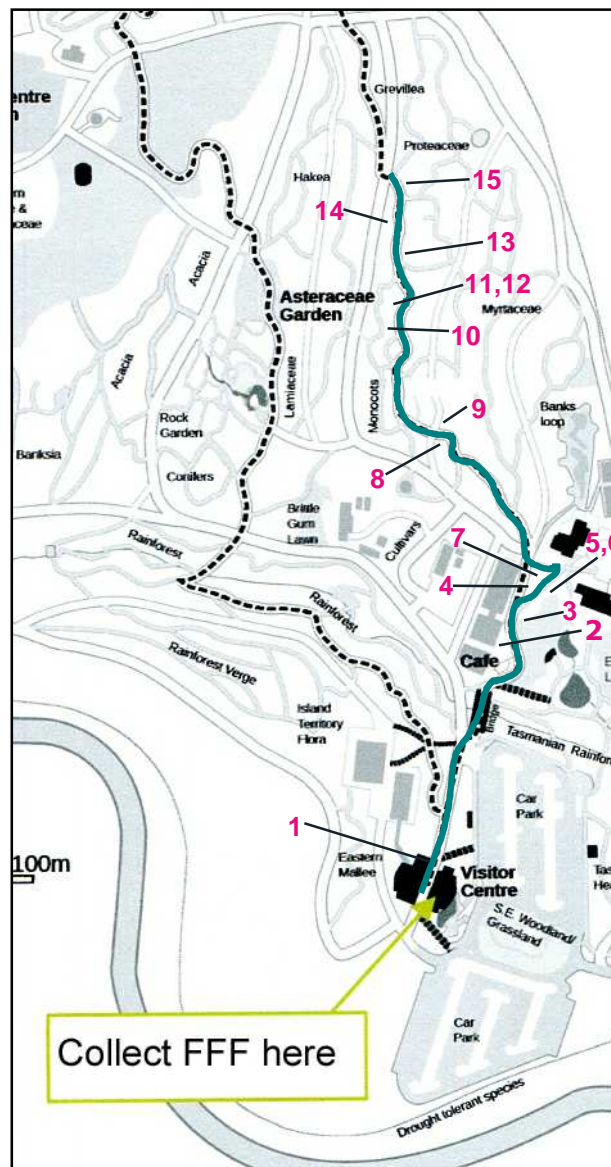
14. On your left is *Banksia ericifolia* 'Red Clusters', a small tree with green heath-like foliage and very large orange-red cones (photo below).



15. *Stenocarpus angustifolius* on your right is a medium sized bush with clusters of interesting green seedpods hanging from the lance-shaped light green foliage (photo below).



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Today we will walk from the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) up the Main Path to see a variety of plants in flower and fruit.

1. *Lepidozamia peroffskyana*, or Pineapple Zamia, in a pot on your left as you leave the VIC, has long arching stems of shiny, dark green foliage. It is a palm-like cycad native to the wet open forests of southeastern Queensland and northeastern New South Wales (photo above). These plants do not produce flowers but have cones on separate female and male plants.

2. Go across the bridge and in front of the café to see on your left *Banksia* 'Stumpy Gold' with fine, toothed linear foliage and masses of short gold brushes with rusty red styles. This

plant is a dwarf cultivar of *Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina* that was selected by Richard Anderson of Merricks Nursery in Victoria from material collected on the New South Wales Central Coast (photo below left).



3. Bear right to see on your right in a pot *Homoranthus thomasi*, a slender bush with fresh green leaves and tiny bells of pink with white tips (photo above right). This plant is found mainly in inland central Queensland with one area of occurrence in northern New South Wales.

4. On your left is *Correa 'Summer Belle'* which is a long-flowering small shrub with long pink bells fringed in green with exserted (protruding) stamens (photo below left). 'Summer Belle' is a garden seedling from Neil Marriott of Stawell, Victoria.



5. On your right is *Banksia conferta* subsp. *pencilata* or Newnes Plateau Banksia. a small tree covered in short green cones with grey ends to the flowers and a velvety brown nose protruding from the top of the flower (photo above right). This plant is found in a restricted area of the Blue Mountains, NSW.

6. Also on your right is *Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon'* with deeply divided green foliage and red/pink flowers (photo below). This plant is very popular and has been planted widely in Australia and other countries. It is a chance hybrid from the garden of the late David Gordon of Myall Park, Glenmorgan, Queensland.



7. On your left is *Crowea saligna 'Rosy Glow'* a small neat bush with pink star flowers (photo below). Turn left up the path, go up the steps and up the hill along the Main Path.



8. At the top of the hill on your left is a *Callistemon*, a small tree with drooping grey-green foliage and short pink brushes with gold tips (photo below).



9. On your right is *Exocarpos cupressiformis*, a small tree resembling a pine, with green needle foliage and a dark trunk (photo below left). This tree which has common names that include native cherry, cherry ballart, and cypress cherry, belongs to the sandalwood family of plants and is found in the wild mainly along the eastern and southern areas of Australia, including Tasmania. The members of this genus are at least partly root parasites in that their roots attach themselves to the roots of other plants and gain part of their growth requirements from the host species.



10. Further on your left is *Grevillea batrachioides*, a low spreading bush with grey-green foliage and pink and cream 'spider' flowers (photo above right). It is found in the wild near Mt. Leseur in Western Australia.



11. Again on your left is *Banksia spinulosa 'Birthday Candles'*, a dense bright green bush with attractive needle foliage and short yellow cones with rusty red styles (photo above). 'Birthday Candles' is a dwarf cultivar of *Banksia spinulosa* var. *spinulosa* developed by Bill Molyneux of Australfora Nurseries in Montrose, Victoria.