

12. Also on your left is *Pimelea ferruginea* 'Bonne Petite' with soft pink 'pom-pom' heads of flowers on neat, bright green foliage (photo below left).



13. Turn downhill to your right to see on your right in a pot *Alyogyne* 'West Coast Gem' with clear purple 'hibiscus' style flowers which open for a short period only, but are prolific (photo above right). The bush is medium sized with coarse foliage.



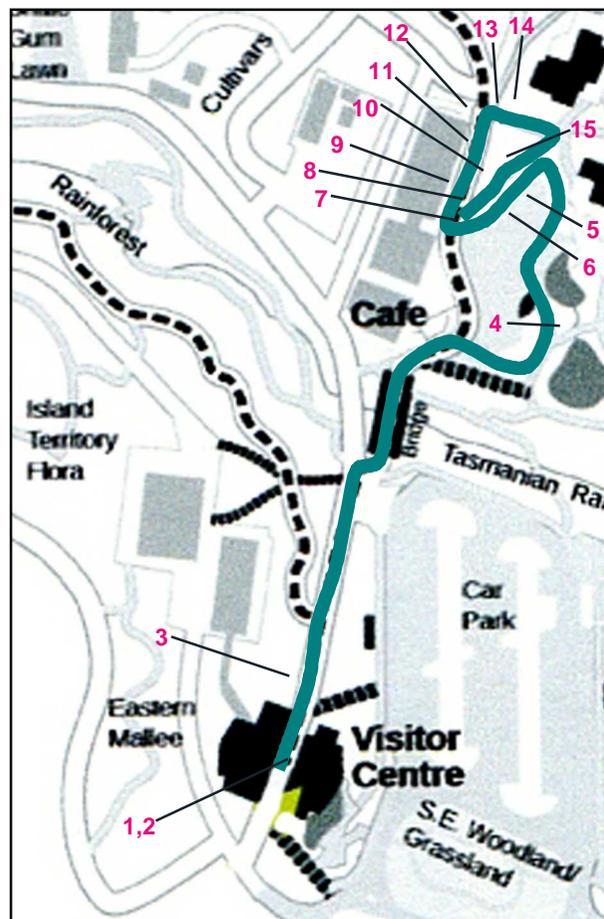
14. On your left is *Callistemon viminalis*, a medium sized tree with drooping foliage and brilliant red brushes (photo above). This plant is also known as Weeping Bottlebrush, and often grows along watercourses in its native New South Wales and Queensland.



15. Turn sharp right again to see on your right *Grevillea* 'Bonfire', a tall bush with fine dark green needle foliage and many clusters of red flowers (photo above). This plant is a hybrid between *Grevillea johnsonii* and *G. wilsonii*.



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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre across the bridge to the Ellis Rowan Garden



1. On the wall to your left as you leave the Visitor Centre is *Jasminum simplicifolium subsp. suavissimum* or Forest Jasmine with white star flowers and a lovely scent (photo above). It grows in the wild in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland.

2. On the wall opposite is *Pandorea jasminoides* covered in pink flowers and attractive green foliage (photo next page top left). This woody vine, also known as Bower of Beauty, is native to New South Wales and Queensland, and forms large pointed pods filled with papery seeds



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. Head towards the Ellis Rowan Garden 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 below). This plant is found mainly in inland central Queensland with one area of occurrence in northern New South Wales.



8. Also in a pot on your right is **Verticordia galeata** with small, bright yellow, honey scented flowers in profusion (photo below). It is found in the wild near Geraldton, Western Australia.



3. Further along is **Homoranthus prolixus**, on the left in a pot, showing an attractive contrast between the layered grey-green leaves and acid yellow flowers on top of the foliage (photo above right). This plant is listed as vulnerable in the wild and only occurs in areas near Inverell and Bendemeer, New South Wales.



4. Cross the bridge and look downhill to see **Melaleuca linariifolia 'Seafoam'**, a small tree with light papery bark and white feathery flowers with fine green needle foliage attracting a wide variety of insects (photo above).



5. Cross the lawn to see on your right **Spyridium (microphyllum) lawrencei** or Small-leaf Spyridium (photos above). This plant is listed as endangered in the wild and is endemic to the east coast of Tasmania. It has small, thick, dark green, leathery leaves and very small cream-coloured flowers clustered at the ends of branches and surrounded by conspicuous white floral bracts

9. On your left is **Callistemon 'Little John'**, a dwarf form of *Callistemon viminalis* (photos below). This plant shows a stunning contrast between deep red bottlebrush flowers and green/blue foliage.



10. On your right is **Alyogyne huegelii 'Misty'**, an attractive selection of *A. huegelii* with pale mauve flowers with maroon centres and green foliage (photo below).



11. On your left is **Melaleuca thymifolia**, a small bush with blue-green foliage and purple/pink, fringed 'claw' flowers (photo below). This plant is found in the wild on the coast of New South Wales and southern Queensland.

