

12. On your left is *Acacia cardiophylla*, or West Wyalong Wattle, with divided feathery foliage and masses of small yellow flower balls (photo below left). This plant is native to central and southern New South Wales.



13. On your right is *Hakea macraeana*, or Needle-wood, a small tree with fine, drooping foliage and white flowers along the stems, which is native to southeastern New South Wales and northeastern Victoria (photo above right).

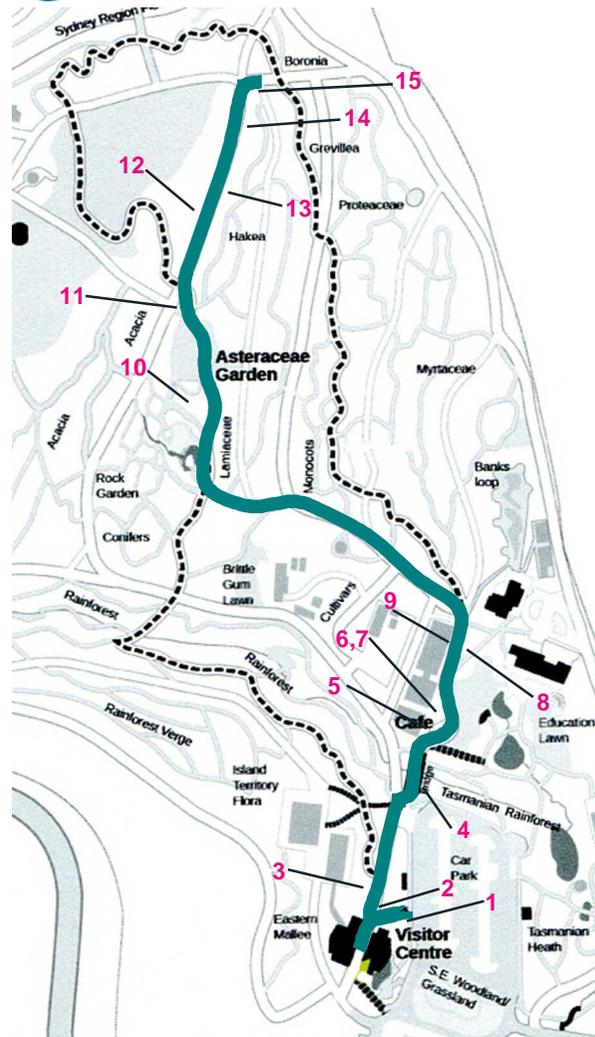
14. *Grevillea vestita*, on the right, is a large open bush with many starbursts of white flowers (photo below). This shrub endemic to the southwestern Western Australia



15. On the corner on your right is *Hakea scoparia subsp. scoparia* native to southwestern Western Australia (photo below). This plant has thin, linear, grey-green foliage and dense cream balls of flowers.



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Today we will walk across the bridge, past the café, and up the hill to see some wattles in flower



1. As you leave the Visitor Centre look down the steps to your right to see on the right *Acacia ingramii*, a large bush or small tree with fine linear foliage and masses of gold flower balls (photo above). This plant grows in the wild near Armidale in northern New South Wales.

2. At the top of the steps on your right is *Guichenotia ledifolia*, a small shrub with grey green foliage covered in drooping, dusty pink 5-petalled flowers with maroon centres (photo next page top left). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia.



3. High on your left is ***Acacia boormanii***, or Snowy River Wattle, with fine needle foliage and masses of golden ball flowers (photo above right). This plant is a medium-sized, suckering, multi-stemmed, copse-forming shrub, with a native range in the alpine country of southeastern Australia.



4. On your right, before the bridge, is ***Rhodanthe anthemoides***, a mound of grey-green foliage almost covered with white daisy flowers with gold centres (photo above). Also known as Chamomile Sunray, this plant is widespread on the mainland, but listed as rare in Tasmania.



5. Cross the bridge and look up to your left to see ***Acacia melanoxylon***, a large tree with many pale yellow ball flowers on 'eucalypt-like' phyllodes (photo above). This tree is widespread in eastern Australia, extending from the Atherton Tableland in northern Queensland, south to Tasmania and South Australia.

6. Further on your left is ***Daviesia horrida*** with grey, spiky, linear foliage, yellow buds and small pea flowers of orange and red (photo below). This shrub is endemic to southwestern Western Australia.



7. Behind to your left, on the deck of the café, is ***Daviesia physodes***, a small shrub with grey-green prickly foliage and orange pea flowers with dark centres (photo below). This plant is found on the west coast of Western Australia south of Perth.



8. ***Pandorea sp. Mt. Maroon***, on your right in a pot, is a small trailing plant with cream bells with maroon centres and markings, which is found in southeastern Queensland (photo below).



9. On your left is ***Micromyrtis ciliata***, or Fringed Heath Myrtle, with arching stems, close green foliage and clusters of small white flowers with maroon centres (photo below). This plant is native to southeastern mainland Australia. Turn sharp left up the hill towards the Brittle Gum Lawn.



10. Turn right past the waterfall to see on your left ***Acacia denticulosa***, or Sandpaper Wattle, a hardy, drought-tolerant plant from southwestern Western Australia (photo below). The phyllodes are dark green and scabrous (scratchy), and the flowers are long, showy rods of golden yellow.



11. Further on your left is ***Hakea recurva***, a large shrub with fearsomely prickly, grey-green needle foliage and many pinkish-yellow fragrant flowers (photo below). This plant is native to a band east from the area between Perth and Geraldton in Western Australia.

