**12**. Continue across towards the Bus Shelter to see, on your left, *Acacia pycnantha* or Golden Wattle, the floral emblem of Australia (photo below left). This small tree has curved green phyllodes with large yellow ball flowers and is native to southeastern mainland Australia.





**13.** On your left is *Westringia fruticosa* 'Wunderbar' or 'Double Wonder', a small dense shrub with grey-green foliage and pale mauve or pink semi-double flowers (photo above right).



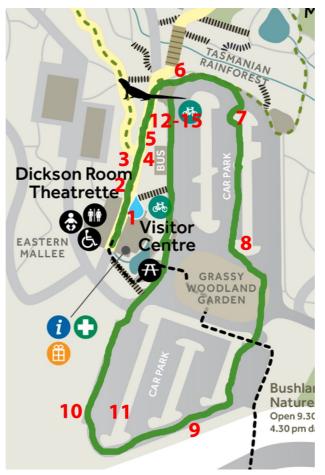
**14.** Also on your left is *Grevillea* 'Bloodline', a new *Grevillea* bred at Bywong Nursery by Peter Ollerenshaw, a similar long-flowering variety to *Grevillea* 'Lady O', but with a slightly arching habit (photo above right).



**15.** Still on your left is *Grevillea* 'Scarlet King' an attractive cultivar with dark red toothbrush flowers contrasting with white stems and grey-green divided foliage (photo above).

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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre around the carpark area to see some wattles in flower. Please take care while walking in the carpark area.



**1**. After you leave the Visitor Centre, on your right, in a pot, is *Acacia aphylla*, or Leafless Rock Wattle, with large gold balls of flowers on leathery, leafless, grey-green stems (photo above). This plant is native to the area around Perth, Western Australia.

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



**3.** Also on your left is *Acacia cognata* 'Mini **Cog'**, a compact form of *A. cognata* with graceful weeping foliage and yellow balls of flower (photo above right). This cultivar is a dwarf form of the Bower Wattle, which is native to New South Wales and Victoria.



**4.** On your right, in a pot, and also on your left is *Epacris purpurascens var. purpurascens*, a sparse bush with prickly reddish leaves and showy mauve-white flowers with red centres (photo above). This plant is native to coastal areas from Sydney to Wollongong in New South Wales and is listed as vulnerable in the





**5**. On your right is *Isopogon cuneatus*, an upright shrub with floppy branches of flat bright green leaves, often tinged with red, and large pink heads of drumstick flowers (photo above). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia.

6. Turn down to your right towards the next section of the parking lot to see, on your left, *Rhodanthe anthemoides*, also known as Chamomile Sunray, a mound of grey-green foliage almost covered with maroon buds opening to white daisy flowers with gold centres (photo below). This plant is wide-spread on the mainland but listed as rare in Tasmania.



**7.** *Thryptomene sp*. on your left is an airy bush with a graceful, arching habit covered in clusters of tiny pink flowers with darker centres on close neat foliage (photo below).



**8.** On your left is *Acacia filicifolia* or Fern-leaf Wattle, a large tree with dark-green ferny foliage and pale yellow ball flowers (photo below). This plant is native to southern Queensland and New South Wales.



**9.** Turn right into the next carpark area to see, on your left, as you go up the hill, *Acacia buxifolia*, or Box-leaf Wattle, an open bush with red stems, small grey-green upright foliage and gold balls of flowers native to eastern Australia (photo below).



**10.** Turn right into the upper carpark to see, on your left, *Acacia genistifolia* with spiky dark-green foliage and masses of cream ball flowers (photo below). This plant is native to eastern New South Wales, Victoria and Tacamania

Tasmania



**11.** On your right is *Hardenbergia violacea*, a vigorous vine with oblong leathery leaves and bright purple pea flowers, also known as False Sarsaparilla or Purple Coral Pea (photo below). This plant is native to eastern Australia from Queensland to Tasmania.

