

12. Still on your right is *Banksia ericifolia* 'Red Clusters', a small tree with green heath-like foliage and very large orange-red cones (lphoto below left).



13. Far on your right is *Buckinghamia celsissima*, or Ivory Curl, a small tree with fragrant, dense, terminal clusters of cylindrical ivory flower spikes (photo above right). These trees are native to the wet tropics rainforest areas of northeastern Queensland.

14. Low on your left is *Grevillea umbellulata*, a small shrub with hairy green foliage and terminal umbel-like white flowers native to southwestern Western Australia.



15. On your left is *Banksia spinulosa* var. *neoanglica*, or New England Banksia, with dark green linear foliage and many yellow flowers with black styles (photo above right). This shrub is native to the eastern tablelands of Queensland and New South Wales.

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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre, up the hill behind the café, then along the road below the Rock Garden



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

2. Also on your right, in pots and in the ground, are plants of *Pimelea physodes*, or Qualup Bell, with grey-green foliage close to reddish stems with pendant green bracts enclosing the small flowers and dark red outer bracts (photo next page top left). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia and is considered the most outstanding of the genus.





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



4. Bear left up the hill behind the café, then turn right to see on your right **Banksia spinulosa**, a bush with large pale yellow flowers held upright on toothed linear grey-green foliage (photo above). Sometimes known as the Hairpin Banksia, this plant is native to the three eastern states extending along the coast from Victoria to Cairns .



5. On your left is **Grevillea 'Poorinda Diadem'**, a tall straggly bush with many butterscotch yellow flowers with long red styles thought to be a seedling selection from *Grevillea 'Poorinda Leane'* developed by Leo Hodge (photo above).

6. Turn left up the hill to see on your right, in a pot, **Thryptomene saxicola** with arching sprays of tiny pink flowers on fine green foliage (photo below). This plant is native to granite outcrops and hills in southern Western Australia.



7. On your left is **Westringia fruticosa 'Smokie' or 'Smokey'**, a rounded shrub with variegated white and grey foliage, with many small white flowers over a long period (photo below).



8. Turn right along the road to see on your right **Banksia media**, or Southern Plains Banksia, with broad toothed leathery leaves and bright yellow flowers with brown styles (photos below). This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia.



9. On your left is **Banksia aemula**, or Wallum Banksia, a small gnarled tree with knobby bark and large squat green cones (photo below). This plant is native to Queensland and New South Wales, from Bundaberg to Sydney, in coastal, heath, and sandy soil areas.



10. On your right is **Banksia robur**, or Swamp Banksia, with long egg-shaped leaves which are shiny on top and dull underneath (photo below left). This plant is native to the eastern mainland coast of Australia, usually in sandy or swampy conditions. The flowers are bluish green when young, developing into yellow-green and then rusty brown as they age.



11. Also on your right is **Banksia integrifolia subsp. compar**, or Coast Banksia, a small tree with long yellow cones and dark green leaves with silver backs (photo above right). This tree is native to the east coast of Queensland.