

12. Again on your left, is *Acacia fimbriata*, or Brisbane Golden Wattle, a small tree with profuse fluffy yellow ball flowers and narrow green leaves (photo below left). This plant is native to the tablelands of Queensland and NSW.



13. On your right is *Acacia phasmoides*, or Phantom Wattle, a spreading wispy wattle, native to Dora Dora State Forest, near Holbrook, with grey-green linear foliage and bright yellow ball flowers (photo above right).

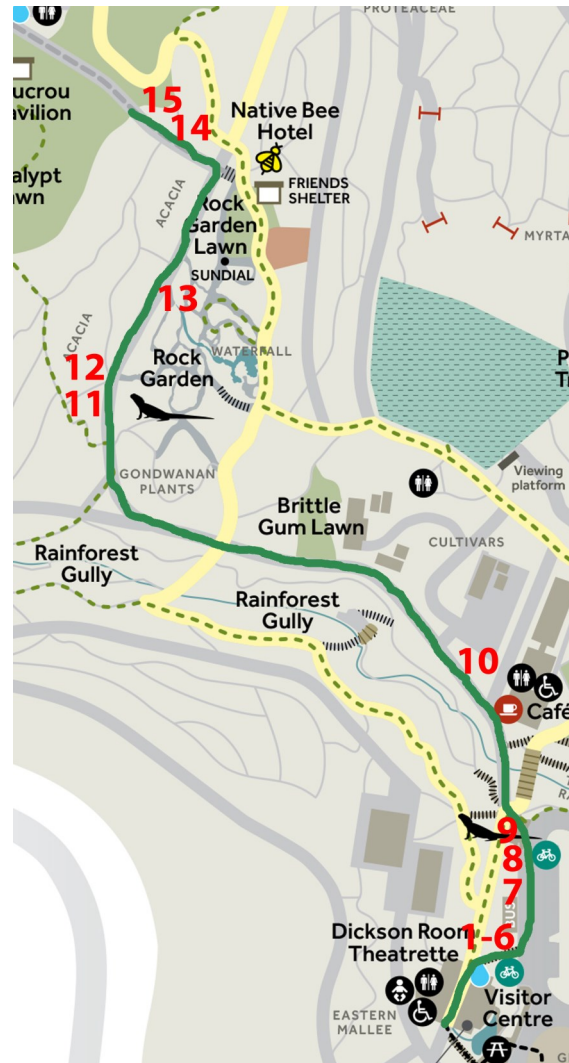
14. Turn left up the hill to see, on your right, *Acacia muelleriana*, a bushy, many-stemmed shrub or tree with dark green pinnate leaves and cream ball flowers (photo below). This plant is native to eastern Queensland, as well as to the western slopes of NSW.



15. On your left and right are clumps of *Acacia ingramii*, small trees with fine, linear foliage and masses of gold ball flowers (photo below). This plant is native to areas near Armidale in northern New South Wales.



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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre, down the stairs to the right, then up the hill behind the café to the Acacia section



1. Three cheers for Wattle Day, 1 September. As you leave the Visitor Centre took right to see *Acacia aphylla*, or Leafless Rock Wattle, with large gold ball flowers on leathery, leafless, grey-green stems (photo above). This plant is native to the area around Perth, Western Australia.

2. Walk down the steps to your right, to see on your right, *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 next page top left). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia.



3. Also on your right is *Philotheca myoporoides* 'Winter Rouge', a small shrub with green aromatic foliage, bright pink buds and white star flowers (photo above right).

4. On your left is *Acacia leprosa* 'Scarlet Blaze' with weeping green foliage and many striking reddish fluffy ball flowers (photo below). The cultivar 'Scarlet Blaze' has attracted attention because of a flower colour unique among wattles. The cultivar arose from a single red-flowered specimen discovered by bushwalkers in a Victorian state forest northeast of Melbourne. The original plant has since died.



5. Turn left at the bottom of the steps, to see on your left *Acacia pycnantha* or Golden Wattle, the floral emblem of Australia (photo below). This small tree has curved green phyllodes with large yellow ball flowers and is native to southeastern mainland Australia.



6. Also 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 below).



7. Again on your left is *Grevillea* 'Bloodline', a relatively 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 below).



8. 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 below).



9. Continuing on your left is *Acacia leprosa* 'Just Peachy', a hardy shrub with peach-coloured flowers in spring (photo below).



10. Bear left up the hill behind the café to see, on your right, *Acacia cognata*, a graceful weeping tree with green linear leaves and plenty of flowers (photo below). This plant is known as Bower Wattle and is native to southeastern mainland Australia.



11. Turn right along the road above the Rock Garden to see, on your left, *Acacia longifolia* var. *sophorae* hybrid, or Coastal Wattle, which is widespread along the eastern and southeastern coast of Australia (photo below). The lemon rod flowers are well displayed on leathery dark green phyllodes.

