

12. Again on your left is *Casuarina glauca* **prostrate form** or Swamp Oak (photo below left). This plant has hard, long, green foliage which can fall attractively to soften edges in the garden and is a prostrate fine-leaf form of the common she-oak seen growing throughout eastern Australia mainly around moist gullies, streams and waterways.



13. On your right is *Hibbertia empetrifolia*, a low scrambling shrub with green leaves and wiry stems ending in bright yellow flowers (photo above right). Commonly known as Tangled Guinea-flower, this plant is native to southeastern Australia.

14. Again on your right is *Phebalium speciosum*, a showy shrub with narrow elliptical leaves, dark green on top with dense silver-star hairs, and rusty hairs and silver scales below (photo below left). White to pale pink flowers are held in stalkless clusters of four to eight flowers. This plant is critically endangered and has a restricted distribution on the far north coast of New South Wales in Yabba State Forest and National Park.



15. On your left is *Lagostrobos franklinii*, or Huon Pine, a slow-growing, but long-lived tree with some living specimens in excess of 2,000 years old, native to the wet southwestern corner of Tasmania (photo above right).

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Today we will take a very short walk from the Visitor Centre up the path towards the Rainforest Gully



1. On your right as you leave the Visitor Centre is a pot containing two boronias, *Boronia megastima* 'Lutea' (photo above left) a small neat bush with yellow bell flowers, and *Boronia* 'Purple Jared' (photo above right) with green foliage and deep purple bell flowers, a cross between *Boronia megastima* and *B. heterophylla*. For those of you (75%) who can smell boronias, they have a glorious scent.

2. Look up to your left to see *Pandorea pandorana* 'Golden Showers', a vigorous twining vine with masses of tubular brown and gold flowers (photo next page top left). This species is widespread in Australia down the east coast from Cape York to Flinders Island in Bass Strait and also occurs in central Australia.



3. Down to your right is *Acacia pubescens* or Downy Wattle, with gold ball flowers and fringed foliage (photo above right). This endangered wattle is native to the Sydney Basin in central New South Wales. Much of its habitat has vanished with the growth of the city of Sydney.



4. On your left is *Philotheca myoporoides* 'Profusion', a small shrub with green aromatic foliage that smells of apples when crushed, bright pink buds and white star flowers (photo above).



5. On your right is *Coronidium* sp., commonly known as the White Paper Daisy or Tall Everlasting, a compact shrub with silvery leaves and many white paper daisies with gold centres, native to open forests in eastern Australia (photo above).

6. On your left is *Acacia cognata* 'Green Mist', a weeping shrub with green linear leaves and yellow ball flowers (photo below). This cultivar is a dwarf form of the Bower Wattle, native to New South Wales and Victoria.



7. On your right is *Asterolasia* 'Lemon Essence', a compact shrub with masses of lemon yellow star flowers (photo below). This plant was developed at the ANBG.



8. Bear left up the path to see, in a pot on your left, *Grevillea* 'Lana Maree', a shrub with divided foliage and rich pink, bird attracting flowers bred by Richard Tomkin, Changers Green Nursery, Gin Gin, Queensland from the same cross as 'Billy Bonkers' – *G. nana* ssp. *abbreviata* x *G.* 'Majestic' (photo below).



9. Also on your left is *Pandorea* sp. Mt. Maroon, a small trailing plant with cream bells with maroon centres and markings, native to southeastern Queensland (photo below).



10. Again on your left is *Acacia pravissima* 'Kuranga Cascade', a weeping or prostrate wattle with triangular grey-green phyllodes and masses of golden ball flowers (photo below).



11. Still 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). This plant is native to the tablelands of Queensland and NSW.

