

12. Further on your right is *Grevillea triloba*, a spreading shrub with white starburst flowers (photo below left). This grevillea is native to the Geraldton area in Western Australia.



13. Turn left up the hill to see on your right *Banksia aemula* or Wallum Banksia, a small, gnarled tree with knobby bark and large squat green cones (photo above right). This plant is native to Queensland and New South Wales, in coastal, heath, and sandy soil areas.

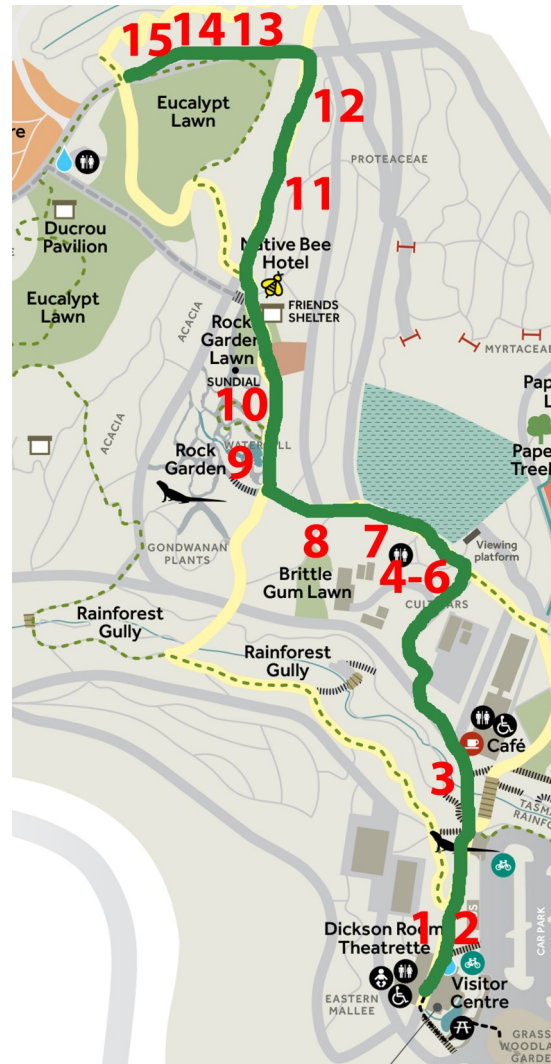


14. Aso on your right, is *Acacia longissima*, a spreading, graceful shrub with pale flowers in slender rods (photo above). This hardy wattle is both long flowering and late flowering, native to coastal Queensland and NSW.



15. Also on your right is *Leptospermum squarrosum*, or Peach Blossom Tea Tree, a bushy, upright shrub, native to sandstone areas of the coast and adjacent plateaus of mid-New South Wales (photo above). The leaves are stiff, triangular and sharply pointed, being held alternatively and at right angles to the stem, with white flowers with green centres.

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Today we will walk up the hill behind the café, past the entrance to the Rock Garden towards the Red Centre Garden



1. After leaving the Visitor Centre look up to your left to see *Backhousia citriodora*, or Lemon Ironwood, a small tree with shiny green leaves and large, white, fluffy heads of flowers with prominent bracts (photo above). This plant is endemic to the tropical rainforest areas of Queensland between Brisbane and Mackay. The leaves of this plant are strongly lemon scented.

2. On your right is *Banksia serrata*, a small tree with very large greenish brushes, ovate serrated leaves and a wrinkled trunk (photo next page top left). The trunk wrinkles more with age leading to its common name of Old Man Banksia. *Banksia serrata* is a widespread species in eastern Australia.



3. Bear left up the hill behind the café to see, on your left *Grevillea barklyana subsp. barklyana*, or Gully Grevillea, a large bush with pink toothbrush flowers (photo above right). This plant is native to a restricted area of Victoria along the upper Bunyip River.



4. Bear right behind the depot to see on your left as you turn left up the hill *Westringia fruticosa* 'Wunderbar' or 'Double Wonder', a small dense shrub with grey-green foliage and pale mauve or pink semi-double flowers (photo above).



5. Also on your left is *Grevillea* 'Legacy Flame', a small grevillea, bred locally by Bywong Nursery, which commemorates 100 years of Legacy Australia with flame-like orange-red flowers which resemble the Legacy torch (photo above).

6. Further on your left is *Crowea* 'Little Rockstar', a compact form of *Crowea*, reaching only 60-80cm high, from a seedling variant growing at the ANBG (photo below). This plant has many pink star flowers.



7. Still on your left is *Grevillea* 'Bloodline', a new Grevillea bred at Bywong Nursery by Peter Ollerenshaw, similar to the long flowering variety *Grevillea* 'Lady O', but with a slightly arching habit (photo below).



8. Again on your left is *Callistemon brachyandrus*, with grey-green linear foliage and red flowers with gold-tipped stamens (photo below). The common name of this plant is Prickly Bottlebrush and it does live up to its name. This species is native to western New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.



9. Turn right in front of the waterfall to see, on your left, *Corymbia ficifolia* 'Little Sweetie', a grafted gum with dark green leathery foliage and clusters of pink fluffy flowers (photo below).



10. Also on your left is *Lythrum salicaria* or Purple Loosestrife, with terminal spikes of purple flowers on light green foliage with red stems (photo below). This interesting species is native not only to southeastern Australia but widespread in Europe, Asia and North America.



11. Turn right along the road above the Rock Garden to see, on your right, *Hakea constablei*, a bushy shrub or small tree with very large brown nuts (photo below). This plant is endemic to the Blue Mountains near Sydney and was named after Ernest Constable, a plant collector for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney.

