

12. On your right is ***Banksia neoanglica***, or New England Banksia, with silver-backed, dark-green foliage and gold flowers held upright (photo below left). This shrub is native to the eastern tablelands of Queensland and NSW.




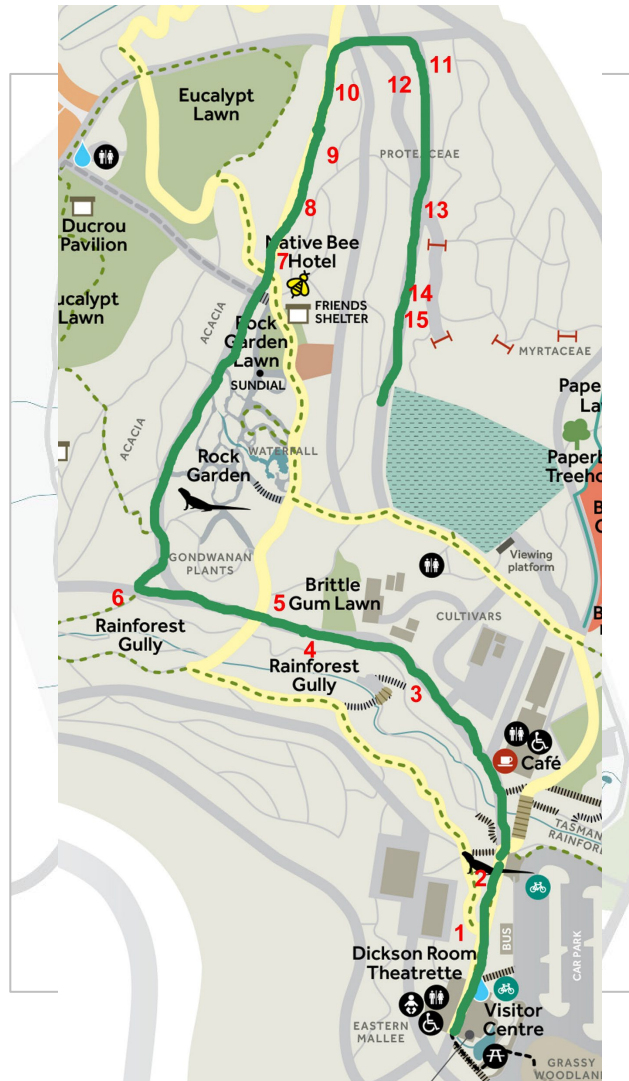
13. On your left is ***Grevillea 'Coconut Ice'*** with large pink/orange spider flowers with long red styles (photo above right). This hybrid plant was grown from seed collected from *G. bipinnatifida* and the male parent was *G. banksii* (white flowered form). The seedling was raised by Mr. M. Hodge of Queensland.

14. On your left is ***Banksia paludosa***, or Marsh Banksia, with young ginger-coloured cones which develop into gold flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to central and southeastern NSW with an outlying population on the north coast near Kempsey.



15. On your right is ***Banksia conferta***, an attractive, tall bush with elliptical leaves and yellow-green flowers, native to the Lamington Plateau and Glasshouse Mountains in Queensland and adjacent northeastern NSW (photo above right).

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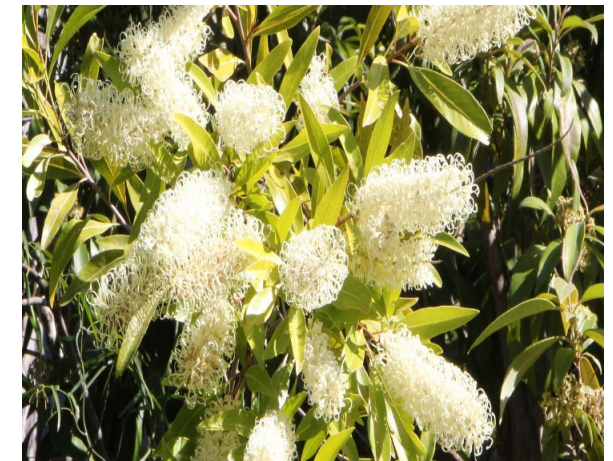
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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre, up the hill behind the café, along the road above the Rock Garden and back towards the café again



1. After leaving the Visitor Centre look up to your left to see ***Buckinghamia celsissima***, or Ivory Curl, a small tree with fragrant, dense, terminal clusters of cylindrical ivory flower spikes, native to the 'wet tropics' rainforest areas of northeastern Queensland (photo above)
2. Also on your left is ***Epacris longiflora 'Nectar Pink'***, a very floriferous small shrub covered in slender pink bells with white tips (photo next page top left)..



3. Bear left up the hill behind the café to see, on your left, ***Acronychia littoralis***, an endangered small tree with shiny leaves and strongly scented greenish-cream flowers much visited by butterflies (photo above right). The Scented Acronychia or Beach Acronychia is native to northeastern coastal NSW and a few areas in adjacent Queensland.

4. Look up to your left to see ***Stenocarpus sinuatus***, or Fire Wheel Tree, a tall tree with leathery lobed leaves and bright red 'wheel' flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to the coastal rainforest regions of NSW and Queensland north of Nambucca River.



5. On your right is ***Elaeodendron australe* var. *integrifolium***, or Narrow-leaved Red Olive Plum, native to central-eastern Queensland and as far south as Narrabri, NSW. with weeping foliage, and green berries which ripen to red-orange (photo above right). This plant grows in dry rain forest and is distinguished from the other variety in this species, *E. australe* var. *australe*, by the narrower leaves.

6. As you turn right along the road above the Rock Garden, on your left is ***Banksia aquilonia***, a large shrub or small tree, with lance-shaped leaves with a silvery underside arranged spirally on the branches (photo below). The flowers are pale yellow in colour. The seeds are enclosed in follicles attached to a woody cone and they are released from the cones annually. This banksia is native to northern coastal Queensland.



7. On your right is ***Hakea nodosa***, or Yellow Hakea, a shrub with yellow flowers and green needle-shaped leaves, native to southeastern SA, Victoria and northeastern Tasmania in swampy areas and heath (photo below).



8. Again on your right is ***Hakea archaeoides***, a shrub with oblong leaves and clusters of grey woody nuts (photo below). This plant is native to the north coast of NSW and is listed as vulnerable in the wild.



9. Still on your right is ***Hakea drupacea***, commonly known as Sweet Hakea, an open tree or shrub with sharp-pointed, green leaves and white pincushion flowers, native to southwestern WA (photo below).



10. Further on your right is ***Grevillea triloba***, a spreading shrub with grey green foliage and white starburst flowers (photo below). This grevillea is native to the Geraldton area of WA.



11. Turn right down hill then along the road to see, on your left, ***Grevillea* 'Sid Reynolds'** which arose as a seedling in the garden of Sid Reynolds and is thought to be a hybrid between *G. pinaster* and *G. commutata* (photo below). This shrub has fine green foliage and red and yellow spider flowers.

