

12. On your left is *Banksia ericifolia* 'Bird Song', a small hybrid banksia with fine, bright green foliage and large orange flowers (photo below left).



13. On your right is *Banksia oblongifolia*, a shrub with oblong leaves and yellow flowers (photo above right). This plant grows along the eastern coast of Queensland and NSW between Bundaberg and Ulladulla.

14. Also on your right is *Banksia pencillata* or Newnes Plateau Banksia, a small tree covered in whorled, olive-green foliage and greenish-yellow flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to a restricted area of the Blue Mountains, NSW.



15. Again on your right is *Banksia marginata* 'Bright', a compact form of the Silver Banksia, *Banksia marginata* (photo above right). This plant forms a dense shrub of dark-green, needle foliage and flowers with many large lemon spikes.



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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre across the bridge, past the café to the Banksia Garden where there are many plants in flower



1. After you leave the Visitor Centre on your left is *Epacris longiflora* 'Nectar Pink', a very floriferous prickly shrub covered in slender pink bells with white tips (photo above).
2. On your right is *Anigozanthos* 'Bush Pearl', a hybrid Kangaroo Paw with long-blooming bright pink flowers developed by Angus Stewart (photo next page top left).



3. Cross the bridge, go past the café to see, on your left, ***Banksia spinulosa*** 'Stumpy Gold' with fine, toothed, linear foliage and masses of short gold flowers with rusty red styles (photo above right). This plant is a dwarf cultivar of *Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina* that was selected by Richard Anderson of Merricks Nursery in Victoria from material collected on the NSW Central Coast.



4. On your left is ***Grevillea*** 'Loopy Lou', a compact shrub with divided foliage and large flowers in shades of peach, yellow and pink (photo above).



5. Enter the Banksia Garden to see, on your right, ***Banksia menziesii***, Firewood Banksia or Menzies Banksia, a small tree or shrub with oblong, toothed, green leaves and deep pink to red flowers (photo above). This plant is native to the west coast of WA, around Perth.

6. On your left is ***Banksia epica***, a bushy shrub without a lignotuber, with large creamy-yellow flowers and iridescent lime-green buds (photo below left). This species is native to the Great Australian Bight, WA.



7. On your left is ***Banksia baueri***, or Possum Banksia, with dark-green, toothed foliage and grey furry flowers (photo above right). These flowers can be very large when the plant is mature and can age to orange. This plant is native to the south coast of WA.



8. On your right is ***Banksia solandri***, or Stirling Range Banksia, a large shrub with tough, dark green deeply lobed leaves and when in flower, brown sweetly scented flowers (photo above). This plant is native to the Stirling Range of southwestern WA.

9. Also on your right is ***Banksia hookeriana*** or Hooker's Banksia with upright, slender, green toothed foliage and developing bright orange flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to the area between Perth and Geraldton in WA.



10. Again on your right is ***Banksia brownii*** or Feather-leaved Banksia, named after Robert Brown, (1773-1858), Scottish born botanist who accompanied Flinders to Australia in 1801 (photo above right). This shrub with soft, linear, whorled leaves and gold flowers is native to the south coast of WA from Albany to the Stirling Ranges.



11. Still on your right is ***Banksia neoanglica***, or New England Banksia, with silver-backed, dark green foliage and gold brushes with burgundy styles held upright (photo above). This shrub is native to the eastern tablelands of Queensland and NSW.