

12. Low on your right is ***Banksia spinulosa* 'Birthday Candles'** a dense, bright-green bush with attractive needle foliage and short yellow cones with reddish styles (photo below left). 'Birthday Candles' is a dwarf cultivar of *Banksia spinulosa* var. *spinulosa* developed by Bill Molyneux of Austraflo Nurseries in Montrose, Victoria.



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

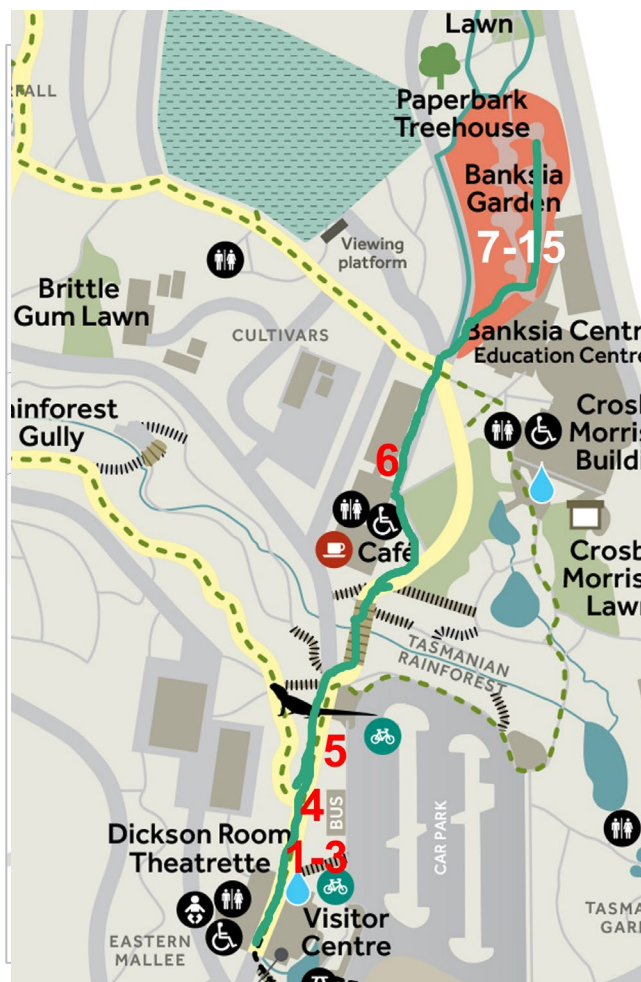
14. On your left is ***Banksia ericifolia* 'Bird Song'**, a small hybrid banksia with fine, bright green foliage and large orange flowers (photo below left).



15. Further on your right is ***Banksia robur***, or Swamp Banksia, with long egg-shaped leaves which are shiny on top and dull underneath (photo above right). This plant is native to the eastern mainland coast of Australia usually in sandy or swampy conditions. The flowers are bluish green when young, developing into yellow green and then rusty brown as they age.



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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre, across the bridge, past the café, to the Banksia Garden



1. After you leave the Visitor Centre, on your right, in a pot, is ***Lechenaultia formosa***, a small attractive plant with close, grey-green foliage and bright gold flowers (photo above). The genus *Lechenaultia* is named after the naturalist Leschenault de la Tour, 1773-1826 and is native to southwestern WA.

2. Also on your right is ***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 WA.



3. Again on your right is **Guichenotia ledifolia**, a small shrub with grey-green foliage covered in drooping, dusty-pink, 5-petalled flowers with maroon centres (photo above right). This plant is native to southwestern WA.



4. Further on your right, in a pot, is **Pimelea physodes**, or Qualup Bell, with grey-green foliage close to reddish stems with pendant green bracts enclosing the small flowers and dark-red outer bracts (photo above). This plant is native to southwestern WA and is considered the most outstanding of the genus.



5. On your right is **Grevillea 'Metal Red'**, a hardy shrub with metallic-red flowers held above soft, divided green foliage. a hybrid between *G. banksii* 'prostrate' x *G. 'Bronze Rambler'* (photo above).

6. 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 below). 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.



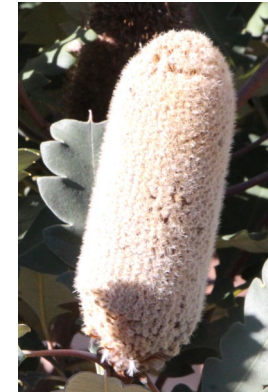
7. As you enter the Banksia Garden on your right is **Banksia menziesii**, Firewood Banksia or Menzies Banksia, a small tree or shrub with oblong, toothed, green leaves and deep pink to red flowers (photo below). This plant is native to the west coast of WA, around Perth.



8. Low on your right is **Banksia baueri**, or Possum Banksia, with dark-green, toothed foliage and grey furry flowers (photo below). 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.



9. Again, on your right is **Banksia solandri**, or Stirling Range Banksia, a large shrub with tough, dark-green, deeply-lobed leaves and brown, sweetly scented flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to the Stirling Range of southwestern WA.



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



11. On your far right is **Banksia ericifolia 'Little Eric'** with dark green heath-like foliage and orange brushes with maroon styles (photo above).