12. Also on your right is ***Eremophila nivea,*** a small shrub with mauve, tubular flowers and silky, silver-grey foliage covered in hairs, native to the southern west coast of WA (photo below left).





13. On your right again is ***Alyogyne huegelii* mauve form** with pale mauve flowers with maroon centres and coarse green foliage (photo above right).



14. On your left is ***Grevillea sericea***, with pink spider flowers on a long-flowering open bush, endemic to NSW (photo above).



15. On your left again is ***Myoporum bateae*** named for the collector of the type specimen, Miss Mary Bate and native to a restricted area in southeastern NSW (photo above). This pyramidal, sweet-smelling shrub has horizontal branches carrying fine, drooping, aromatic leaves and pink flowers on the top of the branches.

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Today we will take a short walk from the Visitor Centre to the café area



1. After you leave the Visitor Centre, on your right, in a pot, is ***Eremophila mackinlayii subsp. spathulata* 'Big John', a l**arge shrub with grey-green leaves and many purple flowers, thought to be a chimera, where the plant is *Myoporum* on the inside and *Eremophila* on the outside, which gives it extra vigour (photo above).

2. Also on your right, in a pot, is ***Prostanthera staurophylla*** or Tenterfield Mintbush, a rare, endangered compact shrub with grey-green, fragrant leaves and purple flowers, native to a single granite outcrop near Tenterfield, NSW (photo next page top left).





3. On your left, in a pot, is ***Phebalium whiteii*** **'Sun Dancer'** with oblong, leathery leaves, green on top and silvery to rusty underneath and bright yellow clusters of flowers (photo above right).



4. On your right is ***Asterolasia*** **'Lemon Essence'**, a compact shrub, developed at the ANBG, with masses of lemon-yellow star flowers (photo above).

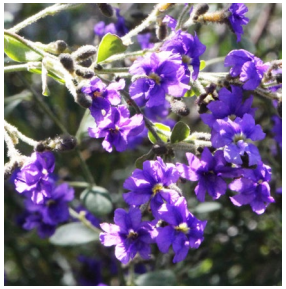
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5. Also on your right, in a pot, is ***Grevillea petrophiloides ssp. remota,*** an erect, open shrub with long stems of pink flowers held above the divided foliage, native to southwestern WA (photo above).

6. On your right is ***Melaleuca fulgens***, a small bush with narrow grey leaves and red 'bottlebrush' flowers with gold stamens, native to the west coast and southwest WA, as well as parts of SA and the NT (photo below left).





7. On your right again is ***Dampiera purpurea,*** a low bush with dark purple flowers with white centres (photo above right)..



8. Cross over the bridge, just past the café, and on your left is ***Telopea*** **'Essie's Gift'**, with long green leaves and spectacular dark-pink flowers. 'Essie's Gift' is a new selection of waratah and is named in honour of the late Essie Huxley who was devoted to the genus Telopea (photo above).

9. On your left again 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 below).



10. On your left is ***Prostanthera magnifica***, or Magnificent Mint-bush, with mauve flowers with showy purple to red calyces and shiny leaves with wavy margins (photo below). This plant is native to the central western coast of WA.



11. On your right is ***Alyogyne huegelii*** **'West Coast Gem'** with coarse foliage and clear purple 'hibiscus' style flowers which open for a short period only but are prolific (photo below).

