12. On your right is ***Scaevola*** **'Pink Fusion'**, a low-growing, wide-spreading, cushion-like plant with many pink, fan flowers over a long period (photo below left).





13. On your left is ***Callistemon*** **'Howie's Fire Glow'** a tall shrub or small tree with fiery red flowers with gold tipped stamens (photo above).

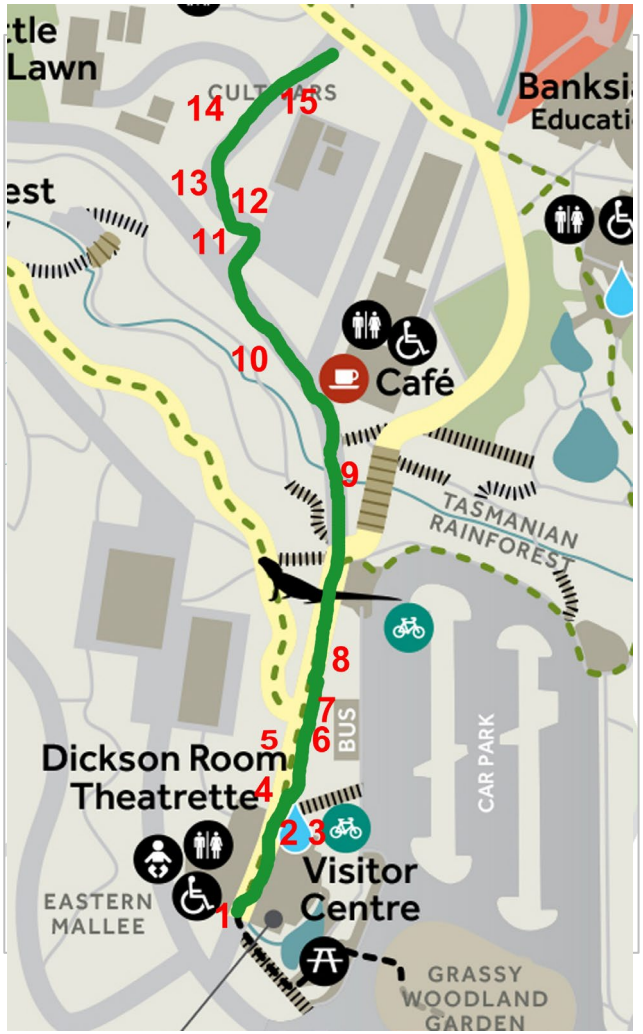


14. Further on your left is ***Olearia stenophylla***, a shrub with oblong to linear grey leaves and white daisy-like flowers in profusion (photo above). This rare plant is native to the catchment of the Tumut River in the Kosciuszko National Park in the southern tablelands of NSW.



15. On your right is ***Callistemon*** **'Hot Pink',** *C. splendens x pallidus*, an upright bush with shiny leaves, pink when new and plenty of hot pink bottlebrush flowers (photo above).

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



1. As you approach the Visitor Centre, on your left is ***Rhododendron (viriosum) lochiae*** with magnificent soft apricot bells on shiny dark green leaves (photo above). This is one of the few representatives of the genus *Rhododendron* in Australia and is native to the high mountains of tropical northern Queensland.

2. On your right, in a pot, is ***Eremophila mackinlayii subsp. spathulata*** **'Big John', a** large shrub with grey-green leaves and many blue-purple flowers, thought to be a chimera, when the plant is *Myoporum* on the inside and *Eremophila* on the outside, which gives it extra vigour (photo next page top left).





3. Behind on the right is ***Telopea*** **'Essie's Gift'**, with long green leaves and spectacular dark pink flowers (photo above right). 'Essie's Gift' is a newer selection of waratah and is named in honour of the late Essie Huxley who was devoted to the genus Telopea.

4. On your left, in a pot, Is ***Dracophyllum oceanicum***, with red stems, curved stiff foliage and white terminal flower clusters. This plant is native to a restricted area near Jervis Bay, NSW (photo below left).





5. On your left is ***Dietes robinsoniana,*** or Wedding Lily, with long strappy foliage and sweetly-scented white flowers, with a gold fleck in the centre, held high on wiry stems (photo above right). This plant is endemic to Lord Howe Island where it grows on cliff faces, often in exposed situations**.**

6. On your right, in a pot, is ***Actinotus helianthi*** or Flannel Flower, with white, star flowers with yellow-grey centres and silver-grey divided foliage (photo below). These plants are native to the coast and mountains of NSW and southern Queensland.



7. Also on your right is ***Pimelea ferruginea*** **'Magenta Mist'** with bright pink flowers on neat foliage (photo below)



8. *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).



9. Bear left uphill behind the depot to see on your right and left sides ***Olearia argophylla*** or Native Musk, a tall shrub or small tree with felted grey leaves and many heads of white, strongly scented 'daisy' flowers with gold centres (photo below). This plant is native to the east coast in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.



10. On your left is ***Callicoma serratifolia***, a tree with dark brown bark, oval green leaves and many fluffy, white flowers with a strong scent (photo below). This plant is native to the NSW coast north into southeastern Queensland.



11. Bear right behind the depot to see, on your left, ***Callistemon viminalis*** **'Running River',** a compact, fast-growing, weeping bottlebrush cultivar with bright red flowers selected from the wild near Running River, Townsville, Queensland (photo below).

