12. ***Homoranthus montanus,*** or Mountain Mouse Bush, has dense green foliage and pink buds opening to lemon flowers (photos below). This plant is native to a small area of southeastern Queensland and is considered vulnerable in the wild.





13. ***Pimelea ferruginea*** **'Magenta Mist'** has bright pink heads of flowers on neat green foliage (photo below left). This cultivar was selected from *P. ferruginea* native to southwestern WA.





14. ***Hakea archaeoides*** is a shrub with oblong leaves and pendulous dark-red flowers followed by clusters of grey woody nuts (photo above right). This plant is native to the north coast of NSW and is listed as vulnerable in the wild.



15. Hakea commutata is a shrub with stiff, prickly, green foliage and yellow, curled flowers with an unpleasant scent, native to southwestern WA (photo above).

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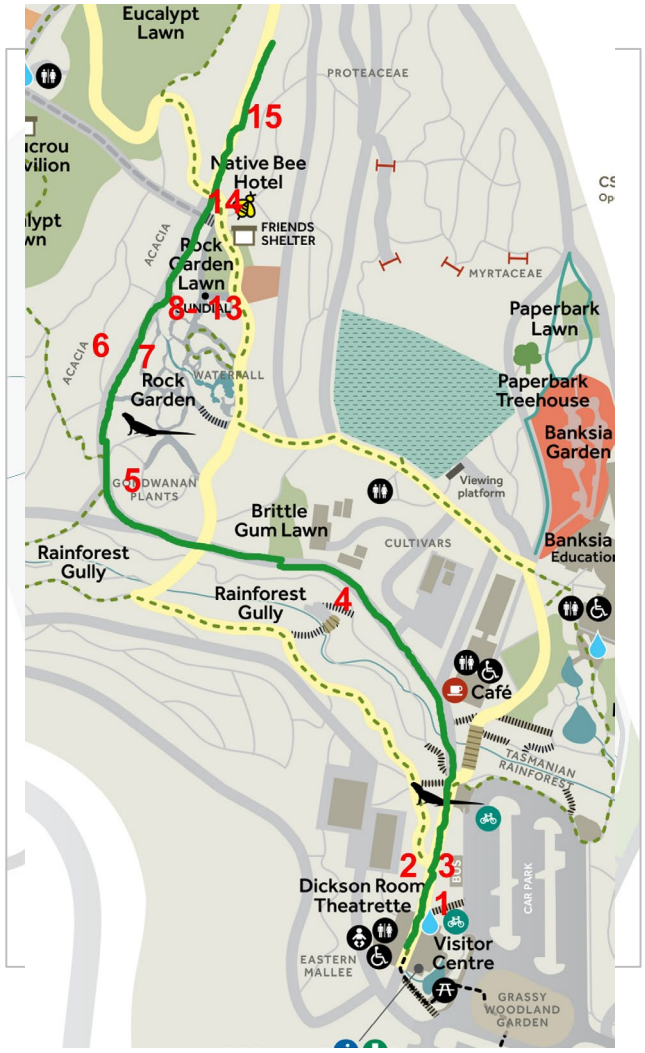

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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre, up the hill behind the café, then along the road above the Rock Garden



1. After you leave the Visitor Centre on your right is ***Anigozanthos*** **'Bush Dance'** with red and green flowers on red stems and pale-green, strappy foliage (photo above).

2. On your left, in a pot, is ***Thysanotus multiflorus*****,** a tufted plant with large, terminal, bright purple flowers with three petals and a characteristic fringe, native to southwestern Australia (photo next page top left).





3. On your right is ***Chamelaucium*** **'Paddy's Pink',** a hybrid between *C. uncinatum* and *Verticordia plumosa*, a bushy shrub with narrow, grey foliage with a spicy fragrance and heads of long-lasting pink flowers (photo above right).

4. Bear left uphill behind the café to see on your left, ***Hymenosporum flavum***, or Native Frangipani, a small tree with scented cream flowers aging to gold (photo below left). This tree is native to the eastern Australia coast from the Hunter River in NSW north to Queensland and extending into New Guinea.





5. As you turn right along the road above the Rock Garden on your right Is ***Callistemon rugulosus var. rugulosus,*** an open shrub with thick, rigid leaves and crimson flowers with gold anthers, native to southeastern Australia (photo above right).

6. Low on your left is ***Prostanthera cuneata*** or Alpine Mint Bush, a small shrub with wedge-shaped, dark-green, aromatic foliage and white trumpet flowers (photo below). This plant is native to southeastern Australia, including Tasmania.



7. On your right for all following plants firstly is ***Homoranthus flavescens***, a neat bush with fresh green, needle foliage and acid-yellow flowers in layers on top of the foliage (photo below). This plant is native to northern NSW and southeastern Queensland.



8. ***Calytrix tetragona*** is a small shrub with massed white or pink flowers when in bloom, which sometimes produce colourful calyces after the flowers fall - here golden (photo below). This plant is native to temperate areas of all states.



9. ***Grevillea*** **'Mason's Hybrid'** is a spreading bush with large spider blooms of pink, red and orange (photo below). This hybrid arose from seed collected from an upright glaucous form of *Grevillea bipinnatifida* while the other parent is presumed to be *G. banksii*.



10. ***Grevillea beadleana*** is an open bush with olive-green, divided foliage and deep red toothbrush flowers (photo below). This plant is native to only a few locations in northeastern NSW and is endangered.



11. ***Kunzea pulchella*** is a bush with grey-green foliage and spectacular bright red 'bottlebrush' flowers, endemic to southwestern WA, where it occurs on granite outcrops and slopes (photo below).

