

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



13. On your left is **Banksia ornata**, or Desert Banksia, with attractive dense green foliage and greyish cream flowers (photo above right). This plant was named for its distinguished foliage from the Latin ornata meaning 'decorated'. This plant is native to The Grampians and Big and Little Deserts of Victoria, as well as southeastern South Australia, including Kangaroo Island.

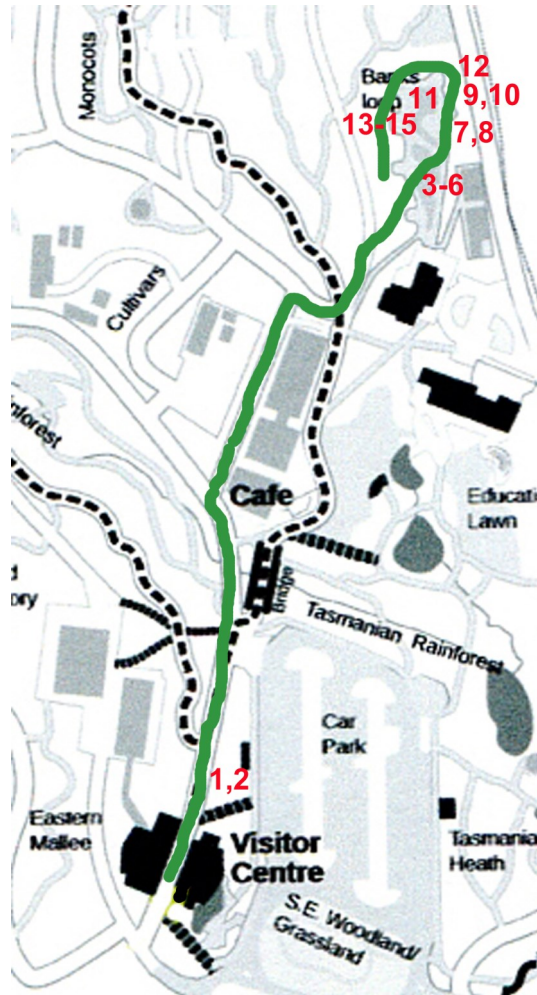
14. Also on your left is **Banksia media**, or Southern Plains Banksia, with broad, toothed leathery leaves and bright yellow flowers (photo below left). This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia.



15. Again on your left is **Banksia blechnifolia** with green, leathery, fishbone foliage showing attractive yellow green new growth in contrast to the older dark green leaves (photo above right). This ground hugging banksia is native to a small area of southern Western Australia near Gibson.



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Today we will walk from the Visitor Centre, cross behind the café, then turn right to the Banksia Garden



1. After you leave the Visitor Centre look to your right to see **Pimelea physodes**, or Qualup Bell, with grey-green foliage, reddish stems and pendant green bracts enclosing the small flower, with dark red outer bracts (photo above). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia and is considered the standout of the genus.

2. Also on your right is **Xerochrysum bracteatum** 'Lemon Monarch' a paper daisy with large lemon heads with gold centres and soft green foliage (photo next page top left).



3. Bear left to go behind the café, the turn right downhill to the Banksia Garden to see on your right ***Banksia menziesii***, Menzies Banksia or Firewood Banksia, a small tree or shrub with oblong, toothed, green leaves and deep pink to red flowers (photo above right). This plant is native to the area around Perth.



4. Also on your right is ***Banksia baueri***, Woolly Banksia or Possum Banksia, with dark green toothed foliage and grey furry flowers (photo above left). These flowers can be very large when the plant is mature and sometimes age to orange. This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia.



5. Again on your right is ***Banksia solandri***, or Stirling Range Banksia, with dull green, 'oak-like' leaves (photo above). This plant was named after Swedish botanist, Daniel Solander, (1733-1782), who accompanied Joseph Banks on Cook's first voyage. This plant is native to a restricted area of the Stirling Ranges in Western Australia.

6. Still on your right is ***Banksia hookeriana***, or Hooker's Banksia, with upright, slender, green toothed foliage and orange flowers developing from felty white buds (photo below). This plant is native to the area between Perth and Geraldton in Western Australia.



7. Bear right to see on your right ***Banksia ericifolia*** 'Little Eric', a compact form of a classic Australian native which was one of the first to be domesticated and has been grown in the UK since late 18thC (photo below). This small plant has cylindrical orange flowers with maroon styles and bushy green needle foliage.



8. Again on your right is ***Banksia spinulosa*** 'Coastal Cushion' with pale yellow cones on a prostrate bush of bright green foliage (photo below). This plant is a coastal form of *Banksia spinulosa*.



9. Still on your right is ***Banksia oblongifolia***, a small shrub with oblong leaves and yellow flowers (photo below left). This plant grows along the eastern coast of Queensland and New South Wales between Bundaberg and Ulladulla.



10. On your right is ***Banksia marginata***, or Silver Banksia, with short yellow-green flowers on attractive dark green foliage with silver backs (photo below). This plant is native to southeastern Australia, including Tasmania.



11. On your left is ***Banksia occidentalis***, or Red Swamp Banksia, a tall shrub or small tree with whorled, linear green leaves and lime-green buds developing into golden flowers with prominent red styles (photo below). This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia.

