**12.** Also on your right is *Acacia pychnostachya*, or Bolivia Wattle, a shrub or small tree with curved, grey-green, 'sickle shaped' leaves, native to a restricted area, Bolivia Hill, near Tenterfield, NSW (photo below left). This plant is considered vulnerable in the wild and grows on granite soils of the New England Batholith.



**13.** On your left is *Acacia oshanesii* native to coastal New South Wales and Queensland (photo above right). This tree has fine, dark-green, divided foliage with fluffy yellow ball flowers.

**14.** Turn left along the mulched path to see on your right *Acacia terminalis*, a small tree whose range extends through New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania (photo below left). This plant has attractive dark-green divided foliage with large cream flower balls.



**15.** Further on the right is *Acacia cognata,* a graceful weeping tree with green linear leaves and plenty of flower buds (photo above right). This plant is known as Bower Wattle and is native to southeastern mainland Australia

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Today we will walk up the hill behind the café to see some wattles in flower



**1.** After you leave the Visitor Centre on your left is *Grevillea insignis subsp. insignis*, an open, rather straggly bush with blue-green prickly 'holly' leaves and terminal pink blooms with dark red stamens. This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia (photo above).

**2.** Further on your right is *Chorizema cordatum x varium*, or Heart-leaved Flame Pea, a showy weeping shrub with vivid orange/pink flowers and bright green prickly foliage (photo next page top left). This plant is native to the moist southwestern parts of Western Australia.





**3.** Bear left up the hill behind the café to see on your right **Banksia spinulosa**, a medium sized bush with large gold flowers with red styles held upright on toothed linear grey-green foliage (photo above right). Sometimes known as the Hairpin Banksia. This plant is native to the three eastern states extending along the coast from Victoria to Cairns.

**4.** On your right is **Syzygium (Acmena) smithii**, or Lilly Pilly, a small tree with a dense crown of shiny green leaves covered in clusters of pale pink to white berries (photo below left). *Syzygium smithii* is the best known member of the lilly pillies and is widespread in east coast rainforests from north Queensland to Victoria, and is also found on King Island.



**5.** Also on your right *is* **Backhousia** *citriodora*, or Lemon Ironwood, a small tree with shiny green leaves and large, white, fluffy heads of flowers with prominent bracts (photo above right). This plant is endemic to the tropical rainforest areas of Queensland between Brisbane and Mackay. The leaves of this plant are strongly lemon scented. 6. Turn right along the road above the Rock Garden to see on your right *Grevillea sericea subsp. sericea*, an airy bush with light green foliage and white spider flowers (photo below). This plant occurs naturally west of Sydney.



**7.** Low on your right is *Cryptandra aridicola*, a small bush with tiny leaves and pink and white flowers (photo below). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia, near

Kalgoorlie.



**8.** Also on your right are five young plants of *Pimelea physodes*, or Qualup Bell, with grey-green foliage close to reddish stems and pendant green bracts enclosing the small flowers with dark red outer bracts (photo below). This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia and is considered the most outstanding of the genus.



**9.** On your left is *Acacia amoena*, or Boomerang Wattle, a small bush with tough yellow-green leaves and golden balls of flowers (photo below). This plant is native to the tablelands of New South Wales and northern Victoria.



**10.** On your right is *Acacia parvipinnula*, or Silver Stemmed Wattle, a tree with dark green, ferny foliage and pale yellow, scented balls of flowers (photo below). This wattle is native to central eastern New South Wales



**11.** Also on your right is *Acacia ulicifolia*, or Prickly Moses, with many pale yellow balls of flowers on fine, dark green, prickly foliage (photo below). This wattle is native to the eastern part of Australia from Queensland to Tasmania.

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