

## Flowers

After rain look for various *eremophila* shrubs in flower near the picnic table. (Eremophila means desert-loving and they take advantage of rain to reproduce.)

Are you sure it's a flower you are looking at? On some plants, the colourful calyx remains after the petals have fallen.

## Fruit

Some of the eucalypts in this area may be showing their gumnuts if they have finished flowering. How do they compare with those on Gumnut Walk?

## Bark

The barks of some trees can be rusty or peeling at various times, while other trees have papery or very hairy bark all year.



## Leaves

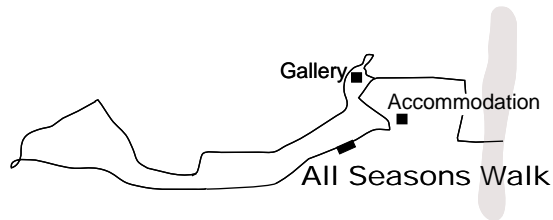
Leaves vary from golden needles to glossy green saucers while some shrubs naturally appear to have been skilfully pruned into shape.

Whatever the season, titillate your senses and enjoy!

Plants are constantly growing or dying. Fallen leaves and fruit, broken branches, snatching vines and dried grass are reminders that nature prefers not to be tidy.

To some extent, the Garden reflects natural bushland where seasonal conditions can be difficult.

As you walk, look up, down and into the plants for different or unusual growth forms. Most bear flowers and fruits and many shed bark, but the timing and amount will vary each year - depending on seasonal conditions.



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# Garden for All Seasons Walk

Australian plants offer an ever-changing display with more to see than just flowers



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500 metre easy walk

With your back to the Garden for All Seasons sign, walk down the Loop Road to the small Poplar box plants and turn right down the track.

1. *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* (Yellow gum)

- \* Red, pink or white flowers in **winter**
- \* East South Australia and west Victoria

2. *Hakea lorea* subsp. *lorea* (formerly *H. fraseri*)

- \* Creamy white flowers in **spring**
- \* Gnarled corkbark – **all seasons**

3. *Eucalyptus eudesmioides* (Children's tree)

- \* White flowers in threes – **summer / autumn**
- \* Opposite leaves, tiny gumnuts
- \* North of Perth to Shark Bay

4. *Grevillea costata*

Rare

- \* 'Costatus' = ribbed (refers to the fruit)
- \* Masses of perfumed white flowers **winter** and **spring**
- \* May be smashed by floods but reshoots from base
- \* Bed and banks of the Murchison River in WA

Keep on the track to:

5. *Eucalyptus erythronema* (Red-flowered mallee)

- \* 'erythro' = red; 'nema' = threads (stamens)
- \* Flowers red, pink or white - **spring / summer**
- \* Bark smooth, powdery, white to purplish red – **all seasons**
- \* Narrow, glossy alternate leaves
- \* Funnel-shaped fruit is stalked, hangs down
- \* Western Australian wheatbelt

Look across the track to the clump of trees:

6. *Hakea lorea* subsp. *lorea* and *Eucalyptus erythronema*

Follow the track to the corner of the Loop Road.

7. *Melaleuca cardiophylla* (Tangling melaleuca)

- \* Creamy flowers - **winter to summer**
- \* Spreading shrub
- \* Western Australia from Perth to the Pilbara

Rare = Not in danger in the foreseeable future but population in the wild is small

Cross the Loop Road to find a group of 'P' eucalypts

8. *Eucalyptus pachyphylla* (Red bud mallee)

- \* Pale yellow flowers - **autumn / winter**
- \* Central Australia

9. *Eucalyptus pyriformis* (Dowerin rose)

- \* Spectacular red or cream flowers - **winter / spring**
- \* Pendulous buds, fruits.
- \* North of Perth

10. *Eucalyptus pruinosa* (Silver box)

- \* White flowers in **summer**
- \* Fine fibrous bark (typical 'box' tree)
- \* Oval, opposite leaves without stalks
- \* North Western Australia to Mt. Isa

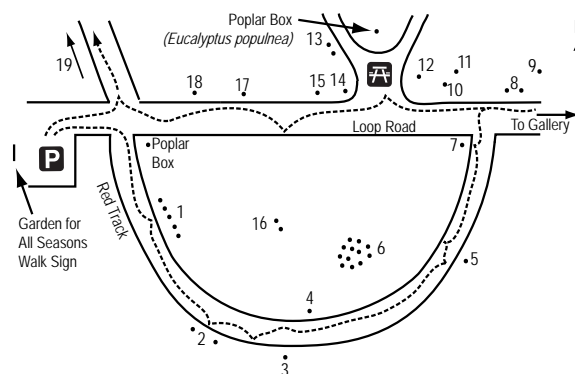
11. *Corymbia papuana* (Ghost gum)

- \* Was *Eucalyptus papuana* until 1995
- \* Cream flowers in **spring / summer**
- \* Characteristic white bark – **all seasons**
- \* Central Australia

On your way to the picnic tables under the large Poplar box, (*Eucalyptus populnea*) look for:

12. *Hakea eyreana* (Corkwood)

- \* Yellow flowers - **autumn to spring**
- \* White hairs cover the small branches – **all seasons**
- \* Seed is released instead of being held on plant like most hakeas
- \* Simpson Desert and Channel Country



In front of the eremophilas in the next section are:

13. *Macrozamia communis* (Burrawang)

- \* Slow growing cycad with green fronds - **all seasons**
- \* Bears pineapple-like cones every two years or more
- \* Regenerates after fire
- \* Coastal New South Wales

On the corner of the Loop Road is

14. *Eremophila maculata* var. *brevifolia* (Native fuchsia)

- \* Red flowers on reddish stalks in **winter / spring**
- \* Stems softly hairy
- \* Dry woodland in Western Australia and Northern Territory

On each side of the road is the locally occurring plant

15. *Cryptandra amara* var. *amara* (Prickly cryptandra)

- \* Tiny white flowers at base of spines **spring / summer**
- \* Note the spines and the tiny leaves
- \* Locally in red ridge soils

As you walk along the Loop Road, glance left into the central section, to the golden sheen of:

16. *Allocasuarina inophloia* (Hairy oak)

- \* Foliage golden in **all seasons**
- \* Taller tree is male, shorter is female
- \* Red timber is prized by woodcarvers
- \* Western Queensland from Darling Downs to North Queensland

17. *Melaleuca eleuterostachya* (Paperbark)

- \* Flowers white or cream in **summer**
- \* Widespread on Eyre Peninsula and inland Western Australia

18. *Acacia burbridgeae* (Burbidge's wattle)

- \* Yellow ball flower heads in early **spring**.
- \* Can form almost pure stands on sand
- \* Isolated areas near Cunnamulla, St George, Chinchilla, Rolleston and north east of New South Wales

Before returning to the car park, divert right and walk about 50m down this track to the trees with drooping branches

19. *Melaleuca tamariscina* (Scaly paperbark)

- \* Cream flowers - **spring / summer**
- \* Fine tamarisk-like branchlets
- \* Southern and central Queensland