



Delight in the light and shade of the gardens in February.

The letter refers to the site location on the map on the reverse of this sheet

- *A *Toona ciliata*** Red Cedar QLD, NSW, New Guinea, Indonesia
The red cedar was almost logged to extinction in the 19th century and is now protected in the wild. Give this tree a hug on Valentine's day!
- *B *Nelumbo nucifera*** Sacred Lotus S.Asia, QLD, NT
A symbol of vitality and purity, this plant provides us with a lush cool sea of green leaves, pink flowers and interesting seed heads. All parts of the plant are edible from the stamens which are made into a delicate tea to the seed heads which are sliced thinly and added to stir-frys.
- *C *Harpullia pendula*** Tulipwood QLD NSW
This rainforest tree has light tough wood, attractively patterned and easily worked. The showy orange seed cases open to reveal black seeds. The timber is beautiful, rich dark brown heartwood and yellow sap wood.
- D *Bauhinia galpinii*** Red Bauhinia Tropical & South Africa
This Bauhinia makes a large rambling shrub. It is rarely without some of its pretty red flowers. Look at the butterfly shaped leaves.
- E *Musa coccinia, Musa basjoo*** Chinese Banana, Japanese Banana S.China, Japan
Look up at the large leaves of these plants can you see the bunches of bananas up aloft? Though the banana is tree-like the 'trunk' is a pseudostem made of layers of highly compressed leaf stalks. Each leaf forces its way up through the centre of the pseudostem increasing its diameter.
- F *Euphorbia milii*** Crown of Thorns Madagascar
This thorny succulent species of Euphorbia, is rarely without its showy red flowers. Look at some of the other species close by and you will realise what a varied genus this is.
- G *Acacia visco*** Argentina
The tree gives soft green canopy of leaves. The leaves are thought to have anti-inflammatory properties.
- H *Rudbeckia hirta*** Black-eyed Susan Canada, USA
The bust of Carolus Linnaeus sits in the centre of a sea of yellow Rudbeckia, named by Linnaeus in honour of his teacher Olaf Rudbeck. He & his father were both professors of medicine at Uppsala Uni, Sweden.
- *I *Buckinghamia celsissima*** Ivory Curl Flower QLD
The lush green foliage and delicate flowers of this small tree are a joy to behold on a hot summers day. The timber was valued for cabinet making with its oak like grain.
- *J *Ficus superba var. henneana*** Deciduous Fig QLD, NSW
The flowers form within a translucent receptacle, they are pollinated by a fig wasp, ripening to a purple fruit with pink dots. A great food source for many native birds.
- K *Bailey's Triangle- Dahlia hybrids*** Cultivars
A Holm Oak hedge encloses this Dahlia garden. Dahlias are at their showy best at this time of year. Named for John Frederick Bailey (Director of the Garden (1917-1932). He was the president of the Dahlia Society.
- L *Araucaria columnaris*** New Caledonia Pine New Caledonia
Look up at these gently curving trees, notice the pollen bearing cones on the lower branches and the female cones at the top. Look too at the sculptural masses of resin on the trunk.
- M *Bamboo Walk*** Asia
This shady walk has many species of bamboo look for *Bambusa vulgaris var. striata* with its smooth yellow stems with green striations, and *Gigantochloa atrovioleacea*. Bamboo is a giant grass. It has many uses such as a building material, as a fibre for clothing and for making paper.
- N *Arundo donax 'Versicolor'*** Variegated Giant Reed Cultivar
This reed is used to make reeds for clarinets and other woodwind instruments. Two year old canes are cut, dried and aged before being split and machined into the final shape.
- O *Carissa macrocarpa 'Green carpet'*** Natal Plum Cultivar
Sweetly scented starry flowers. The fruit, when ripe is delicious and can be made into jam, pies and sauces.
- *P *Agathis robusta*** Queensland Kauri Pine QLD
Planted by George Francis, 1st Director of the gardens. This majestic tree is thought to be the largest of its kind in S. Australia. Agathis means ball of string in Greek, the cone of this tree resembles a ball of string.