

WITTUNGA TRAIL
March, April, May 2010

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- A** *Vernonia mespilifolia* Swartteebossie South Africa
 A sprawling or climbing shrub with decorative oak shaped leaves and panicles of small white to mauve flowers.
- B** *Nymania capensis* Klapperbos South Africa
 An eye-catching plant with small tubular pink flowers and large cream to pink, 4-chambered papery seed capsules.
- C** *Leucadendron nobile* South Africa
 This genus is dioecious (M and F plants); the cones on this female plant may protect and store the seed for years.
- D** *Diospyros kaki* Persimmon China
 Part of the original Ashby orchard, this tree has grey tessellate bark, colourful autumn foliage and delicious fruit.
- E** *Phylica buxifolia* Box phylica South Africa
 This species has small leaves like the box (*Buxus*) and branched heads of pale green buds and tiny white flowers.
- F** *Erica sessiliflora* South Africa
 Decorative red seed capsules from last season cling to the stems below this season's new tubular pink flowers.
- G** *Nerine species* South Africa
 In the upper Terrace Beds look for nerines flowering in shades of pink; many produce flower stems before leaves.
- H** *Erica canaliculata* Purple heath South Africa
 The dainty urn-shaped purple flowers have tiny black stamens. Inner bark is finely grooved, hence *canaliculata*.
- I** *Thomasia petalocalyx* Vic, SA, WA
 All other *Thomasia* species are endemic to WA. *T. petalocalyx* has small pinkish flowers which face downwards.
- The Bird Garden, area 7**
 The new bird garden replaces the old Western Australian Sand plain garden and is planted with a range of small Australian natives chosen for their flowers which attract nectar feeding birds.
- J** *Acacia boormanii* Snowy River Wattle Vic, NSW
 This wattle is outstanding when in flower, bearing profuse golden, ball-shaped flowers.
- K** *Regelia ciliata* WA
 Five of the six species of *Regelia* come from WA; all are woody shrubs with flowers similar to the *Melaleuca*.
- L** *Lambertia inermis* WA
 Lambertias, like banksias and hakeas, belong to the family Proteaceae. This species has tubular orange flowers.
- M** *Melaleuca species* Paperbarks and Honey myrtles Australia
 Over 170 species, most endemic to Australia, some have flowers that attract nectar feeding birds and others have papery bark that was used by Aboriginal people to wrap food for cooking and to build shelters.
- N** *Allocasuarina torulosa* Forest oak or Cassowary tree Qld, NSW
 The genus name comes from the drooping branchlets like cassowary (*casuarius*) feathers. The species is dioecious; the female tree (uphill) has cones of all ages and the male has pale flowers at the ends of the branchlets.
- O** *Banksia media* Golden stalk banksia WA
 This banksia has colourful new foliage and cylindrical yellow flower spikes. Banksia flower spikes are made up of many individual tiny flowers which have no petals, only structures called pollen presenters.
- P** *Banksia attenuata*, *Banksia elderana* Coast banksia, sword banksia WA
 Compare the upright, slightly tapered flower spikes of the coast banksia with the inverted, cylindrical flower spikes of the sword banksia. Of the 70 or so species of banksia only a few have inverted flower spikes.
- Q** *Hakea verrucosa* WA
 This medium shrub has needle-like leaves and whitish flowers which quickly age to bright red. The prominent fruits are large and woody and have two horns which give them the appearance of a snail.
- R** *Eucalyptus megacornuta* Warty yate WA
 A very attractive tree with mottled salmon and grey bark, flattened stems bearing clusters of flower buds with long, warty bud caps like witches' talons. The flowers, clumps of long, lime green stamens, attract lorikeets.

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