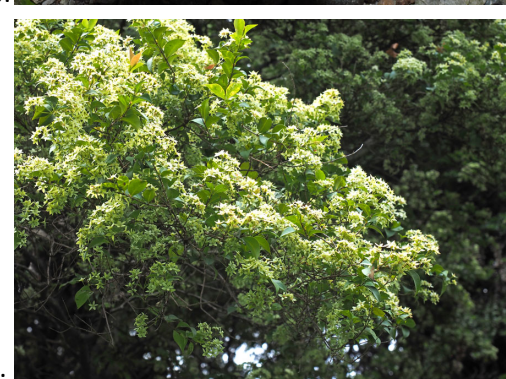


Garden Highlights, January 2016



1. The **Perennial Border** displays a riot of flower colours and plant forms during summer and early autumn. Some of these plants are available for purchase in the Friends' Nursery.
2. Keep cool in the gardens on the hot days of summer. There is plenty of shade under large spreading trees such as the **Copper Beech** *Fagus sylvatica*. On a seat in the shade of the **Fernery**, relax near the trickling stream of water (Photo 2).
3. In the **Shrubbery**, there are colourful fruit in summer and autumn. The photos show two examples: (3a) **Canary Island Viburnum** *Viburnum rigidum* and (3b) **Kei Apple** *Dovyalis caffra*. While many of these fruits are attractive, most are not edible. Other species of *Viburnum* may be available in the Nursery.
4. **Shining Privet** *Ligustrum lucidum* is a small tree that is often covered in flowers in January. While it is regarded as an environmental weed in moist areas of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the ACT, there is little chance that seeds carried from these gardens by birds will survive in the local dry climate. The Privet Hedge *Ligustrum undulatum* may be available in the Nursery.



What's On in January 2016

Botanical Art Workshop for Beginners, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 January 2016, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, \$120 Friends members, \$150 non-members.

Discovery Walk: **'Perennial Border at its Best'**, Sunday 10 January 2:00 pm.

Botanical Art Workshop Exploring Creative Perspectives, Friday 15 to Sunday 17 January, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, \$180 Friends members, \$210 non-members.

See **'A Midsummer Nights Dream'** at the gardens, 4:00 pm weekend 16 and 17 January 2016. Bookings: www.ozact.com/events.html

Discovery Table, Sunday 17 January 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Free Guided Walks, Each Sunday 2:00 pm, Wednesday 11:00 am.

The **Friends' Nursery** is open on Wednesdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The Curiosity Cabinet is featuring **Asian Spices**.

The **Tea House** is open every day.

Geelong Botanic Gardens Map



- 1. Perennial Border
- 2a. Fernery
- 2b. Copper Beech *Fagus sylvatica*

- 3. Shrubbery
- 3a. Canary Island Viburnum *Viburnum rigidum*
- 3b. Kei Apple *Dovyalis caffra*
- 4. Shining Privet *Ligustrum lucidum*



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