

# Garden Highlights, June 2019



Photos: Left: Peruvian Apple  
*Smallanthus sonchifolius*  
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Right: Dawn Redwood  
*Metasequoia glyptostroboides* GBG

The central bed is displaying a range of **edible plants**. The edible parts of most of them are under the ground: roots and tubers. Look for the **Peruvian Apple or Yacón *Smallanthus sonchifolius***, that has refreshing, mildly-sweet, juicy, tubers. It grows like a small sunflower.

The **Dawn Redwood *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*** is one of the few conifers that loses its leaves in winter. It then reveals the straight, symmetrical form of its trunk and branches. This Chinese tree was unknown to botanists until 1943. In the 1950s, its seed were distributed to botanic gardens around the world as a way of protecting it from extinction.



## What's On in June 2019

Themed walk: '**Winter in the Gardens**', Sunday 9 June 2:00 pm, Gold coin donation.

**Discovery Table:** Sunday 16 June 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

**Free Guided Walks:**  
Wednesdays 11:00 am,  
Sundays 2:00 pm.

**Friends Nursery open:**  
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.  
Winter weekend Plant Sale, July

(For more details see the Friends website or phone the Friends.)

See the **Bromeliad Display** in the Curiosity Cabinet.

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

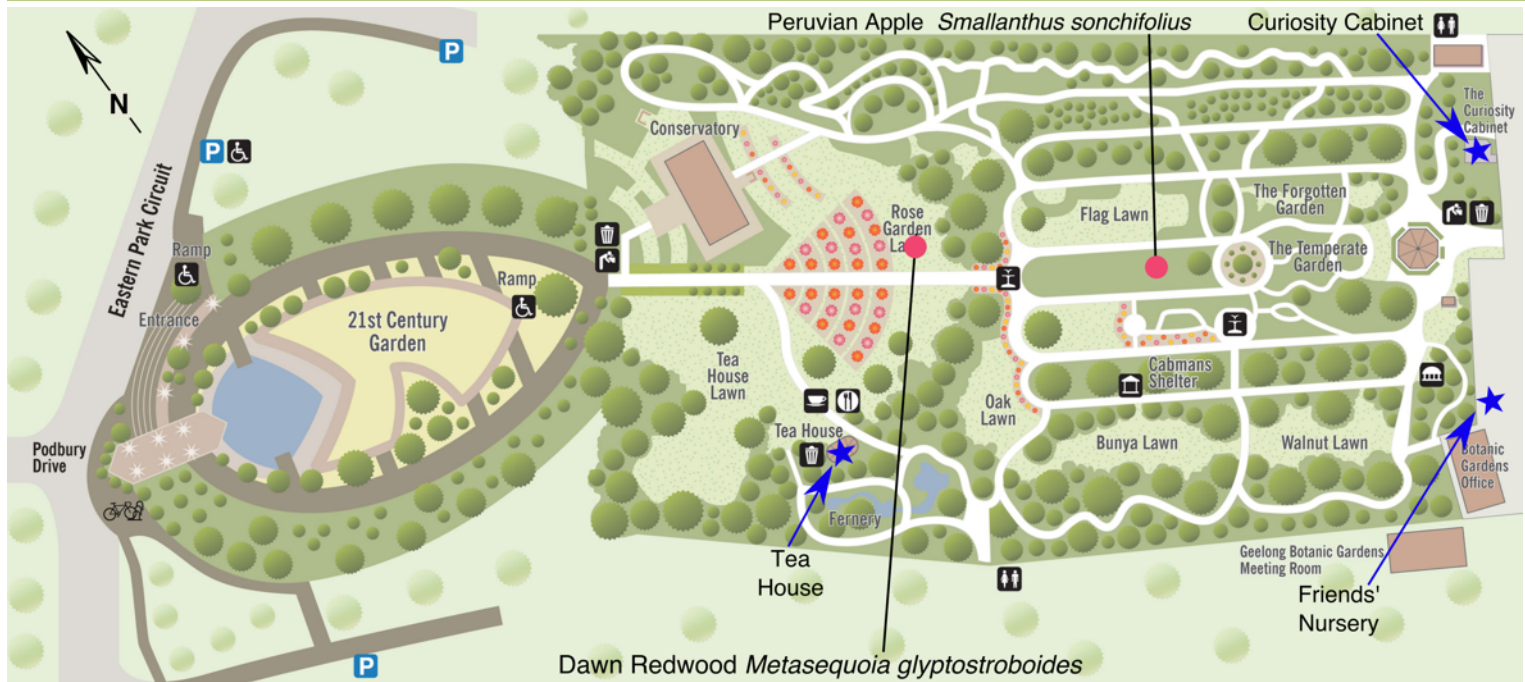


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# Geelong Botanic Gardens map



Flower: Peruvian Apple  
*Smallanthus sonchifolius*  
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