

Garden Highlights, March 2019



Above: Mickey Mouse Plant
Overleaf: Panorama of Perennial border and another photo of Mickey Mouse Plant

The **Mickey Mouse Plant** *Ochna serrulata* has attractive yellow flowers that are followed by striking fruit. After starting green, the fruit turn to black glossy balls by the end of summer. Behind the fruit are vivid red sepals. Although there may be up to 5 fruit in front of the sepal, the more usual number is two. With and without fruit, they can appear quite comical, as shown in the photos on both sides of this leaflet. Where the fruit don't develop there remain small black 'eyes'. See what comical shapes you can find on the bush.

The **Perennial border** is at its best in March. This is when most of its plants are in flower. See the small panoramic photo on the back of this leaflet.



What's on in March 2019

Themed walk: **Perennials and the Silver Border**, Sunday 10 March 2:00 pm, Gold coin donation.

Lara-Werribee bus tour of 3 gardens: Monday 20 March 8:45 am - 5:00 pm, \$75 members of Friends, \$85 non-members.

Plant Sale: Friends' Nursery, Weekend 30 - 31 March, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Discovery Table: Sunday 17 March 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.

See the **bromeliad and orchid display** in the Curiosity Cabinet.

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

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

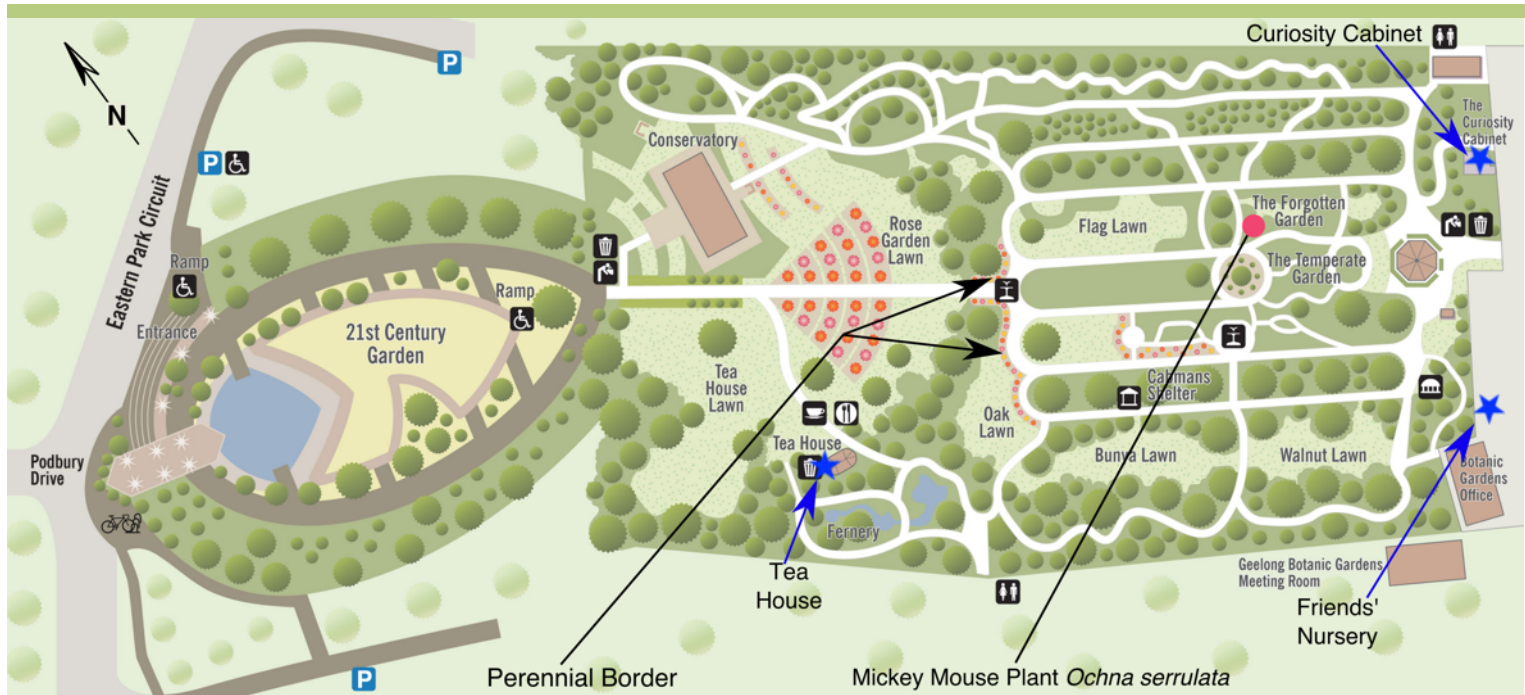
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Over page: Map showing plant locations

Geelong Botanic Gardens map



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