



Garden Highlights

May 2014

Tea Total @GBG

1. Rose Hips are at their best in autumn. Some **are** red and fleshy like these from the rugosa roses, while others are smaller and range in colour from yellow to purple>

Rose hips are used to make a range of drinks including rose hip tea, either **on** their own or in **blends** with other fruits and in Cockta – the national soft drink of Slovakia.

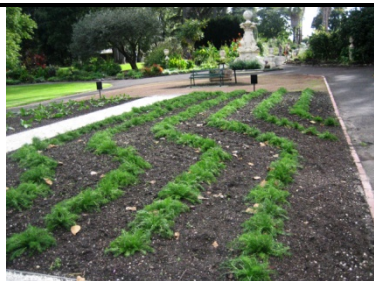


2 Persimmons are one of the last of the autumn fruits to ripen. If the possums and fruit bats don't get to them first, our tree will have orange fruit during May when it will also lose its leaves.

The fruit is popular in some parts of the world for eating fresh as well as for drying and preserving. **In** Korea **it** is also the basis for a traditional spice punch, sujeonggwa.



3. Teas, Coffee and other substitutes are the subjects of the central bed planting. Here you will find chicory, a coffee substitute used widely during World War 2 when it was grown on Philip Island, and Camomile (pictured) as well as *Ilex paraguariensis* used to make Yerba mate and *Citrus bergami* used to flavour Earl Grey tea.



4. The Dose makes the Poison. Caffeine will do this to a spider's web – what does it do for you?

- Visit the display in the **Curiosity Cabinet**
- Join the Discovery walk on Sunday 25 May to learn more. Meet on the front steps of the GBG at 2 pm. Gold coin donation.



In the Gardens in May

Discovery walk: The Dose Makes the Poison. An investigation of our sometimes useful, sometimes poisonous plants. Sunday 25 May. **Meet on** the front steps of the GBG at 2 pm. Gold coin donation.

Story time @GBG – drop into our free “in Garden Library” weekdays **on the** Teahouse lawn

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