

Garden Highlights, July 2018



Fried Egg Plant *Gordonia axillaris*



Poinsettia *Euphorbia pulcherrima*

You may think that spring and summer are the seasons for flowers, but many plants are not deterred by the winter chill. Visit the Camellia Walk to see Azaleas, varieties of Camellias and **Fried Egg Plant *Gordonia axillaris***. Camellias and Gordonias are in the family called Theaceae. This family is named for its most valuable Camellia, the Tea bush.

Just before Christmas you may see flowering **Poinsettia, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*** plants for sale. How come they are flowering in these gardens now? Poinsettias need 5 successive nights of at least 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness to flower. To have them flowering for Christmas, nurseries grow them in special dark houses where they reverse the seasons - long darkness in summer, short in winter.

What's on in July 2018

(Booking and more details: Friends website or office, Gardens website)

Themed Guided Walk: '**Explore Eastern Park**' Sunday 8 July 2:00 pm.

Gold coin donation.

Discovery Table: Sundays 1 and 15 July 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

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

Friends Nursery is open: Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Friends Nursery **Plant Sale:** Weekend 28 - 29 July 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

See the African Succulents display in the **Curiosity Cabinet**.

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



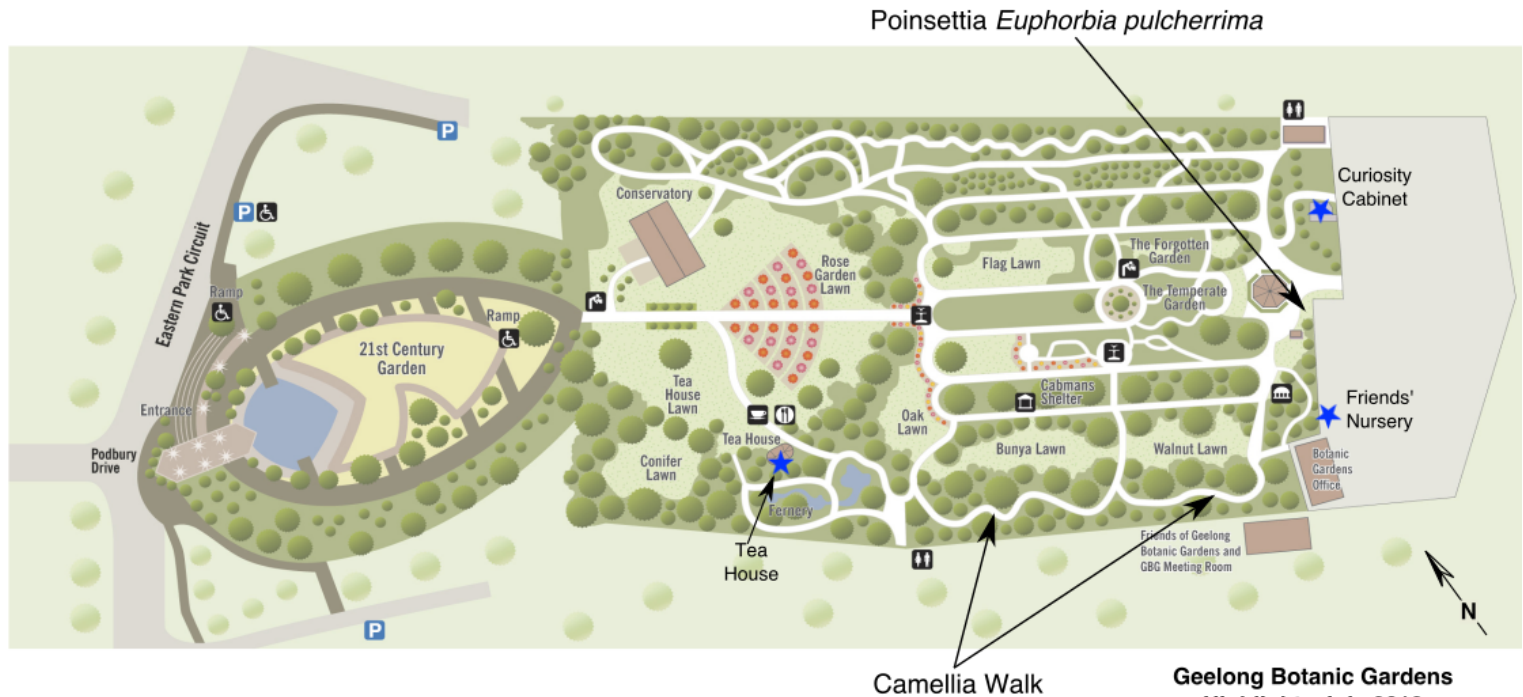
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Geelong Botanic Gardens - Map showing the Camellia Walk



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