

Garden Highlights, May 2019



Photos: Left: Queensland Bottle Trees *Brachychiton rupestris*, Right: Red Osier Dogwood *Cornus sericea* (synonym *C. stolonifera*)



What's On in May 2019

Themed walk: '**Kiwi Colour Fest**', Sunday 5 May 2:00 pm, Gold coin donation.

The **Queensland Bottle tree** *Brachychiton rupestris* grows in similar environments to its cousin from WA, NT and western Queensland, the Boab *Adansonia gregorii*. Both species are succulent trees adapted to areas with hot dry seasons. They store water in their massive, spongy trunks and lose their leaves when the soil is hot and very dry.

Botanic Gardens Day, Sunday 26 May 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Activities for children, Guided Walks, Discovery Table, Plant Sales, Botanical Art Shop.

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

In contrast, northern hemisphere, temperate trees like the **Red Osier Dogwood** *Cornus sericea* lose their leaves when the weather is cold. They withdraw nutrients from the leaves to use next spring, then cut the leaves adrift. This preparation for shedding shows by the coloured leaves.

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

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

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

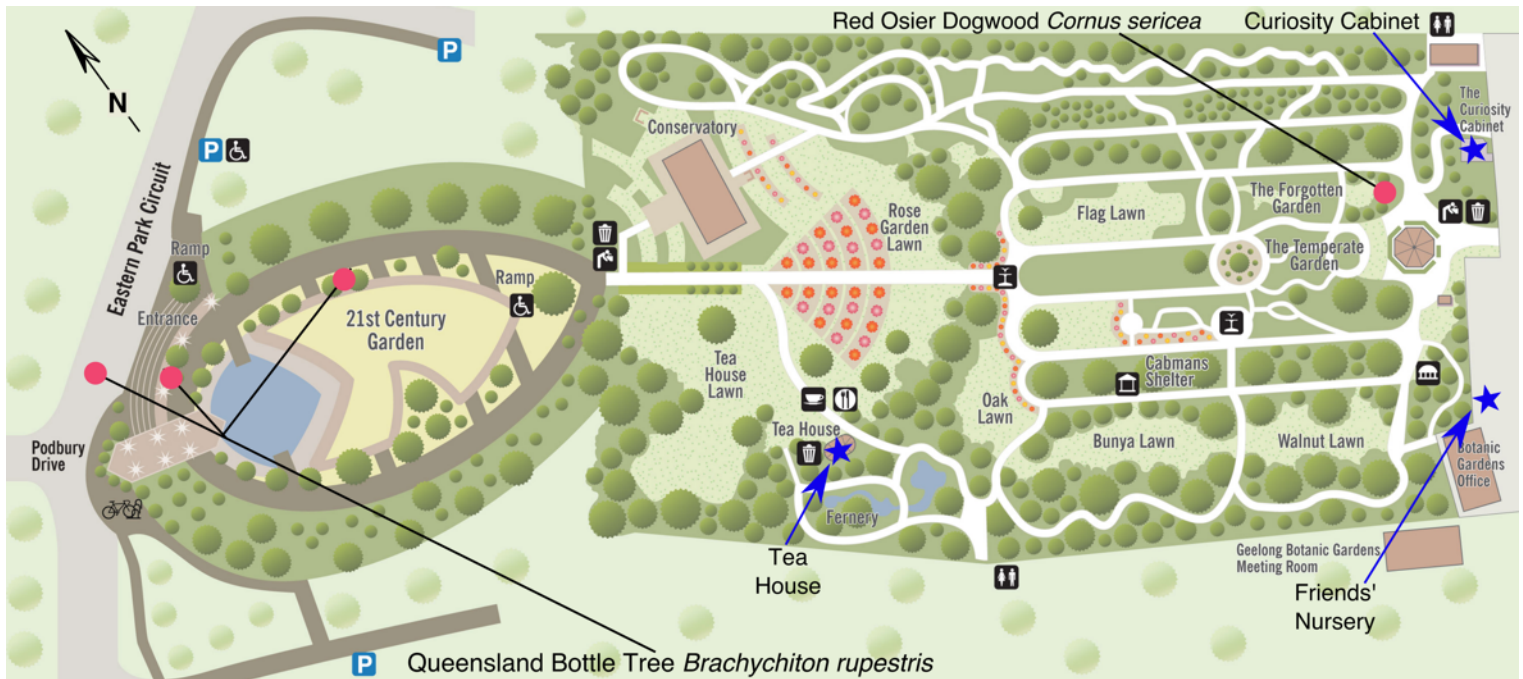
The **Tea House** is open every day.



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Geelong Botanic Gardens map



Queensland Bottle Trees
Brachychiton rupestris,
sprout red, new leaves.

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