

Garden Highlights, June 2023



Don't forget to look up when you visit the gardens. A tree that is flowering this month is the **Spiked Cabbage Tree** *Cussonia spicata*, that grows in areas of Africa with enough rainfall, ranging from South Africa into the tropics. Its flowers and fruit grow on candelabra-like spikes. These spikes are formed from stems arranged like ribs of an umbrella with smaller umbrellas growing from the tip of each rib. The leaves are also unusual, often having three leaflets growing from the end of the centre leaflet of another set of three leaflets. The tree's roots store water that is used in times of extreme drought, despite being mildly toxic.

These gardens have a number of plants that are also members of the Ivy and Ginseng family. An example is the **Rice Paper Plant** *Tetrapanax papyrifera*, from Asia. It is also in flower now.

What's On in Jun 2023

Self-drive tour **Lovely Banks,**

Fyansford: Thursday 8 June. Members \$30, Non-members \$40.

Guided Walk 'Ferns': Sunday 11 June, 2 pm. Gold coin donation.

Winter Online Lectures:

Thursday 15 June and 6, 20 July, 12 pm. Members, Non-members \$15.

Discovery Table:

Sunday 18 June 1 - 3 pm.

Winter Lunch @ Truffleduck:

Thursday 22 June 12 pm.
Member \$75, Non-member \$85.

Free Guided Walks:

Wednesdays 11 am, Sundays 2 pm.

Friends Nursery open:

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Lord Howe Island Tour, Monday 30

October to Saturday 4 November 2023.

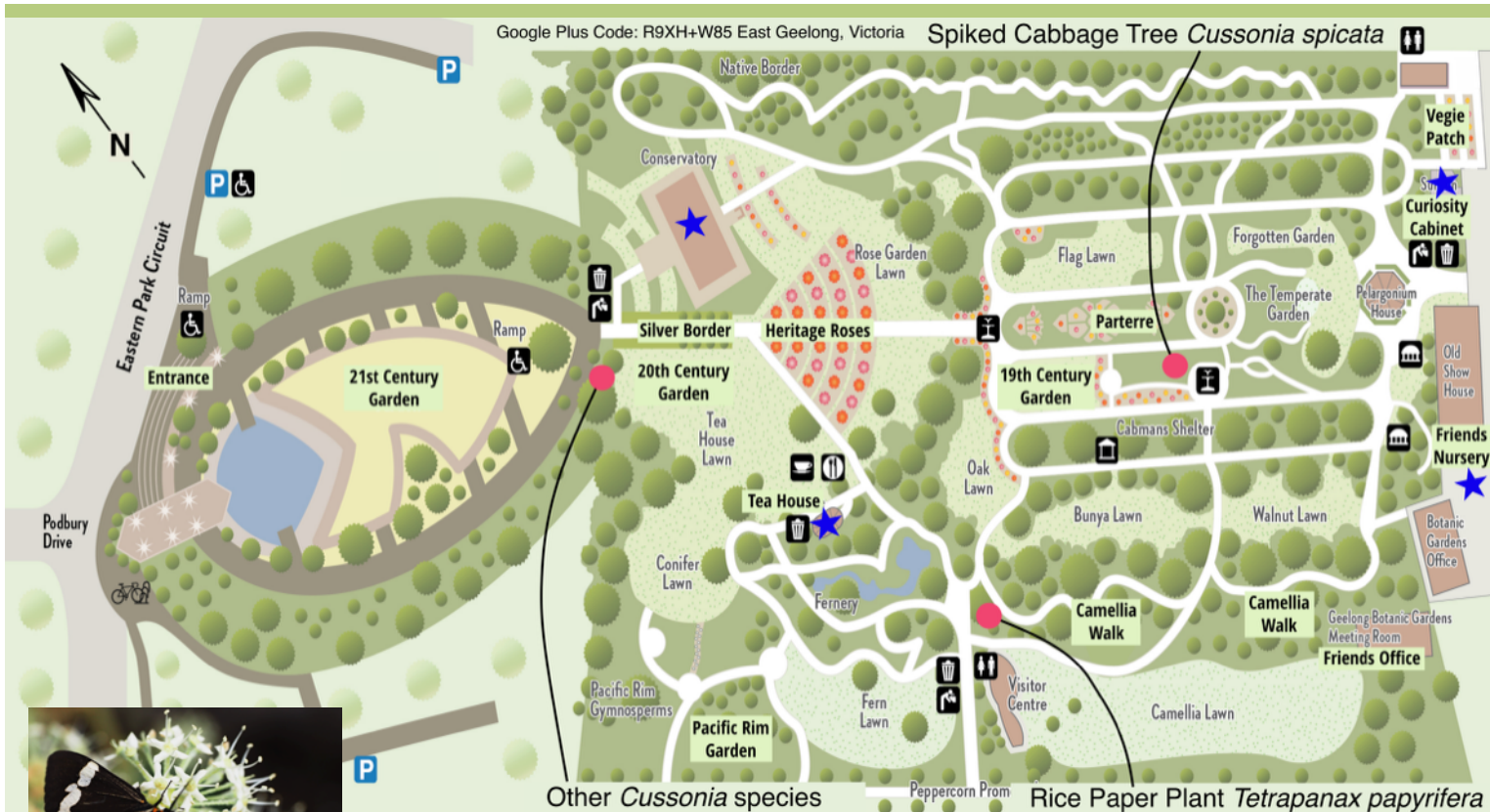
(For more details about What's On: Friends website or phone.)

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Geelong Botanic Gardens map



Left: Rice Paper Plant *Tetrapanax papyrifera* in GBG.
 Page 1 photo (right): *Cussonia spicata*,
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