

Remarkable Seasonal Plants

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Roma Street Parkland's volunteer guides prepare this leaflet to showcase the most remarkable specimens in optimum display each month – whether it be for their flowers, fruit or foliage.

Roma Street Parkland was designed with the theme 'the world of subtropical horticulture'. This is primarily exhibited across three principal zones:

The Spectacle Garden in Colin Campbell Place – a representative range of species from throughout the subtropical areas of the world; the garden has an ever changing display of seasonal colour and subtropical foliage.

Comparative Gardens – a series of gardens in the upper parkland which enable comparative display of Australian species with plants from other similar world regions including the Proteaceae garden and the Aridlands.

Subtropical forest and lakeshore gardens – a representative collection of species from the subtropical areas of Australia.

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Spectacle Garden and surrounds

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Delonix regina

Poinciana a magnificent specimen tree growing up to 10m high and 10m wide and covered in bright red flowers during the Summer. It is useful in warmer climates as a shade tree due to its wide umbrella canopy. Pruning of low branches when the tree is a young, will create this canopy to form.

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Agapanthus orientalis (blue)

Lily of the Nile, long arching strap leaves with tall showy blue flowers that bloom in the spring and summer. It is the perfect plant in times of drought and water restrictions. Suitable for a full sun position, is frost tolerant and requires little water once established.

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Tabernaemontana divaricata

Pin wheel flower, evergreen, well-branched shrub has large, glossy, dark green leaves and waxy white, ruffle-edged flowers, which are especially fragrant at night. Flower petals curve like a pinwheel, and they are very prominent throughout the warm months of the year.

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Buddleia davidii (pink delight)

'Lady's Slipper' or 'Mysore Trumpet Vine' from India, is very hardy and an excellent pergola cover. For several months the decorative strands of nectar rich flowers hang down, progressively reaching toward ground level forming a yellow and red flower curtain.

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Quisqualis mussiendafolisa

"Red Riot" is a vigorous, fast-growing tropical vine known for its striking, vibrant red and orange tubular flowers, lasting for months. These flowers are often seen in clusters, attracting birds and butterflies. The plant has a lush, green foliage backdrop and thrives in warm climates with full sun exposure.

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Farfugium japonica

Leopard or tractor seat plant, a hardy perennial prized for its large, glossy, and often spotted leaves. It produces yellow, daisy-like flowers in late summer or autumn and thrives in shady, moist, and well-drained soils. Reaches a height and spread of about 30–60 cm.

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Thunbergia Mysorensis

Lady slipper vine This exotic plant has large 'slipper' shaped curved flowers that are vibrant reds, burgundy's or oranges and with vivid yellow throats. The flowers cluster hangs down like pendants, with beautiful, long and narrow green leafed foliage.

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Zingiber spectabile

Beehive ginger can grow 2-3m tall with 30cm long leaves. Their flowers are in the unique shape of a golden beehive. They either love to be planted outside in warm, part shade, humid area, or potted into an indoor place.

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Medinilla myriantha

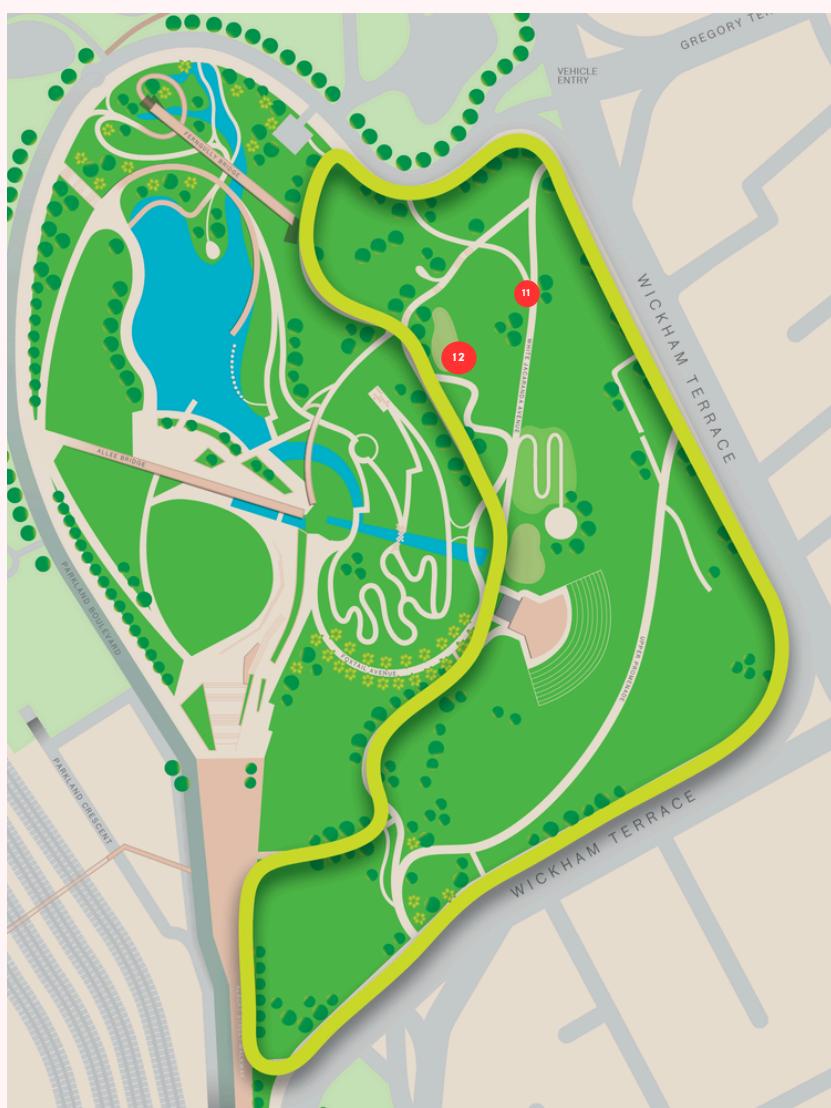
Chandelier Plant, tropical evergreen flowering plant, fast growing plant to 1.5m tall by the same width in the garden. Flowers are soft pink flower for many months, often 3-6 months when pollinated are followed by hot pink berries which eventually turn bright purple many months later.

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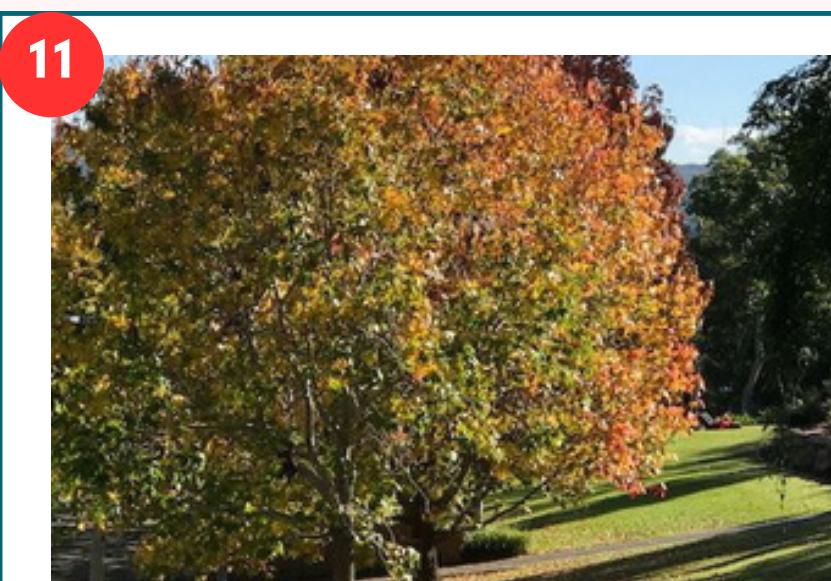


Rhododendron Vireya

Tropical rhododendron, can make a colourful display, basically an epiphyte (plant that grows on another plant) rhododendron brings a touch of exotic beauty to your outdoor space. Flourishing in warm climates, flowers appear in large clusters of trumpet shaped blooms, and are produced throughout the year.

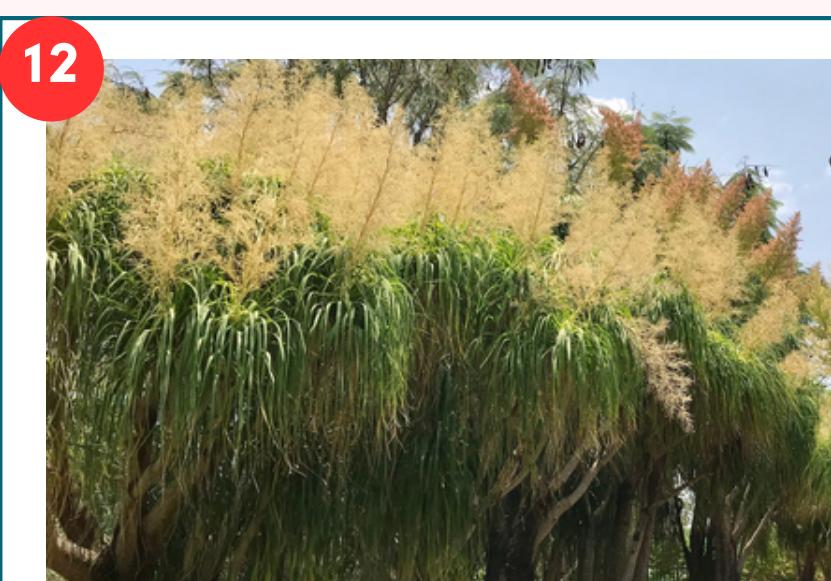


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Liquidambar Styraciflua

'Liquidambar' originates in the warm moist areas of subtropical eastern USA and Central America. This large attractive upright deciduous tree is one of the few that provide dependable colourful autumn foliage in Brisbane.

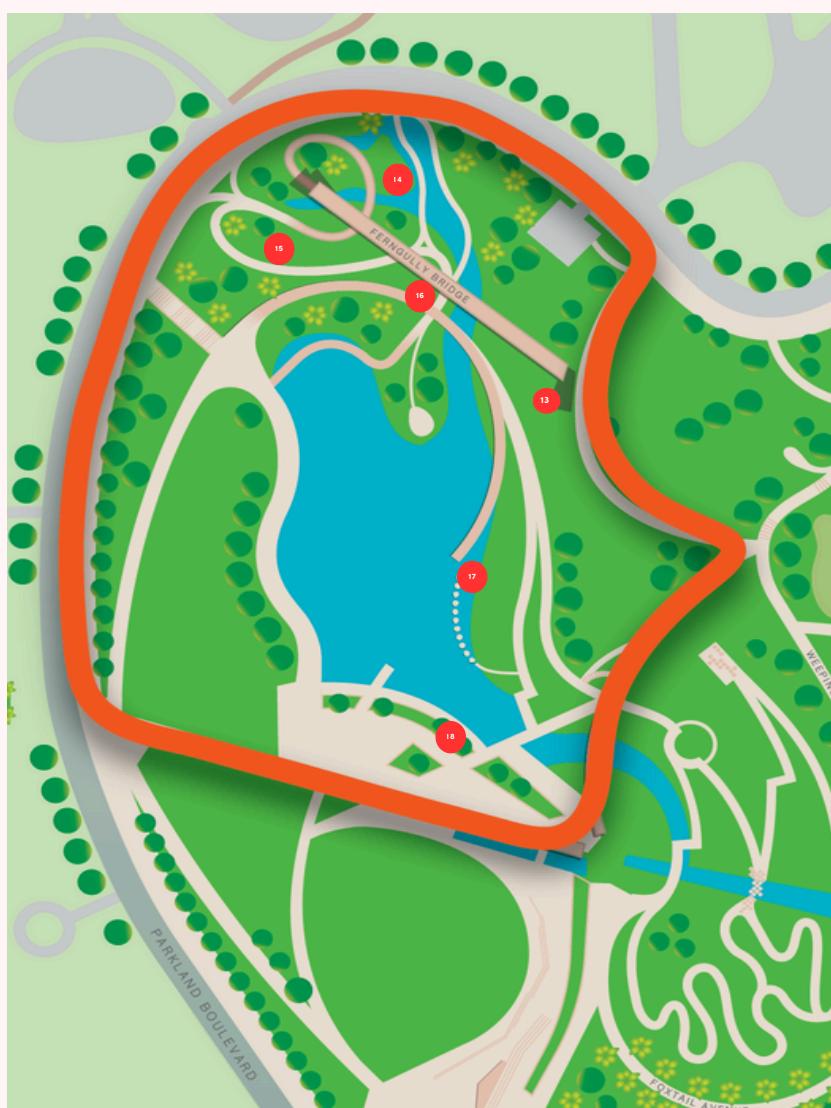


Beaucarnea recurvata

'Elephant's Foot' or 'Pony Tail Palm', is native to the desert areas of Mexico and southern USA. The textured trunk and strap-like leaves give the common name. Arching flower heads of tiny white flowers, followed by pink seeds, emerge from the top crown of the plant.

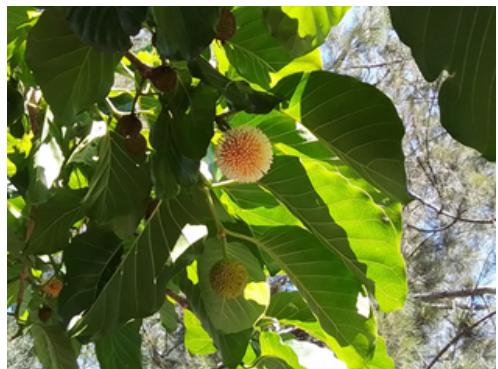
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Nauclea orientalis

Leichhardt Tree - Large hardy & impressive tree with unique layered horizontal branching and large glossy leaves. Yellow-white heavily scented flowers on stunning orange globular heads. Excellent shade and feature tree medium to tall tree.

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Licuala ramsayi

Commonly known as the Queensland fan palm or Australian fan palm can have spectacular near circular leaves up to 2m in diameter. Best suited to growing in areas where there is some shade. This palm is endemic to NEQ from about Cooktown, south to around Ingham.

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Curcuma australasica

Cape York Lily is a stunning tropical flowering plant, common in the tropics of Australia particularly Cape York, but also grows in Papua New Guinea. This native turmeric plant makes a great ornamental plant with its mauve bracts and yellow flowers. Being deciduous disappearing underground in the colder months.

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Orthosiphon aristatus

Cats Whiskers Fast growing perennial shrub with open habit, leaves to 5cm long and dense heads of beautiful white, pink or lavender & sometimes blue flowers with long unique "cat whisker-like" stamens. Responds well to pruning. Frost tender.

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Nelumbo nucifera

Native to both northern Australia and many parts of Asia, well known as a sacred plant in India. It grows naturally in tropical and sub-tropical areas, in shallow water with full sun. A perennial growing from a rhizome, it bears spectacular large pink scented flowers in summer.

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Lagerstroemia speciosa

Queen's Crape myrtle/ Pride of India. Showy flowering trees, and a good shade tree, it is commonly cultivated in gardens or along the sides of roads for its brightly coloured mauve or pink flowers with crinkled petals. Deciduous tree endemic to tropical South Asia.