# ABORIGINAL PLANT USE TRAIL

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS**

Aboriginal cultures of Australia trace back to the oldest living cultural history in the world. Aboriginal people's knowledge of plant use, such as an ability to identify and locate edible and useful plants, has been critical to their survival.

The trail at the Gardens is one way that this knowledge can be shared and appreciated.

The Aboriginal Plant Use Trail highlights a selection of plants and some of the ways that these were used by Aboriginal people in different parts of Australia. Similar plants may have been used for the same purposes in other areas, depending on local availability.

Look at the different plants along the trail and see if you can tell which parts were eaten or used medicinally, or which could have been used for fibre.

Many of the food-producing plants bear their fruits for short periods of the year only. Thus the part of the plant that is used will not always be present.

**Information for the Aboriginal Plant Use trail was obtained from published sources.**

**PLEASE DO NOT PICK OR EAT THE PLANTS**

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1. *Citrus australisica* – Finger lime
2. *Banksia* species – Banksia
3. *Santalum acuminatum* – Quandong
4. *Livistona australis* – Cabbage Tree Palm
5. *Xanthorrhoea* species – Grass Tree
6. *Dianella* species – Flax Lily
7. *Lomandra longifolia* – Spiny-headed Mat Rush
8. *Brachychiton rupestris* – Bottle Tree
9. *Casuarina* and *Allocasuarina* species – She-oak
10. *Acacia aneura* – Mulga
11. *Doryanthes excelsa* – Gymea Lily
12. *Podocarpus elatus* – Plum Pine
13. *Eustrephus latifolius* – Wombat Berry
14. *Callitris* species – Native Cypress Pine
15. *Macrozamia* spp. – Burrawang
16. *Dodonaea viscosa* – Sticky Hop Bush
17. *Persoonia pinifolia* – Geebung
18. *Backhousia citriodora* – Lemon Myrtle
19. *Rubus moluccanus* – Native Raspberry
20. *Hibiscus heterophyllus* – Native Hibiscus
21. *Indigofera australis* – Austral Indigo
22. *Syzygium australe* – Lilly Pilly
23. *Araucaria bidwillii* – Bunya Pine
24. *Acacia melanoxylon* – Blackwood
25. *Tasmannia insipida* – Pepper Tree
26. *Hedycarya angustifolia* – Austral Mulberry
27. *Dicksonia antarctica* – Soft Tree Fern



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