



Garden Highlights

June 2014

1. ***Manglietia conifer*** is a member of the Magnolia family and is now in bloom. You mightn't notice the flowers, but you will notice their perfume.

There are a number of winter flowering plants in our Gardens with insignificant flowers and wonderful perfume. Watch out also for wintersweet (*Chimonanthus praecox*) in the northern shrub border (1b).



2. ***Ilex kusanoi***, a holly from Taiwan, is one of a number of species of holly with distinctive red berries in winter. The berries are highly attractive to birds, but may cause severe illness if ingested by humans.



3. The sheltered southern "Camellia" walk displays a range of winter and early spring flowering plants. ***Luculia gratissima*** is one of the first to flower. The flowers look superficially like hydrangeas, but they are in the same family as coffee. They also have a distinctive perfume perhaps reflected in the name "gratissima" meaning "most pleasing".



4. **Fungi** in the Gardens make the perfect home for Fairies. Please respect these delicate structures as fungi play an important part in nutrient recycling in a healthy garden.

For those who want a closer look at the fairies – join the winter GBG school holiday program: **Fairies and Dragons**.

For more information visit: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg



In the Gardens in June

Discovery walk: Sunday 15 June. Meet on the front steps of the GBG at 2 pm. **Scents & Flavours.**

Aromatic plants fascinate our noses and titillate the taste buds. Have fun exploring the aromas & flavours of plants in the GBG and learn how they are used in food, drinks, cosmetics and medicines. Gold coin donation.

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