

## Special Plant Species and Hidden Creatures Quiz...

**Start in the Tropical Shade Garden and look for signs with matching numbers.**

**1. The Ornate- fruited Neisosperma** has sweetly perfumed white flowers. Do you think the flowers would smell of? Circle the correct word.



**Chocolate**

**Onions**

**Frangipani**



**2. What happens to *Actephila championiae* seeds when they are ripe? Circle the correct answer**

**Birds eat them**

**Explode**

**Fly on the wind**

The leaves of this tree have curled under edges. Feel them.

**3. What creatures are hiding in the Fernery?**

Where did they come from and what are they called?

The answers are on the sign near the gate.



**4. Look out for the Blue Tigers**

Don't worry they don't bite.

How many have you seen?



**5. High up is a log with an orchid on it.**

It is chained to a wharf log and just under the chain links is a hole. The hole is the nest for baby kookaburras, but sometimes you may see a possum living there. The kookaburras maybe nearby and you often hear them making a noise.

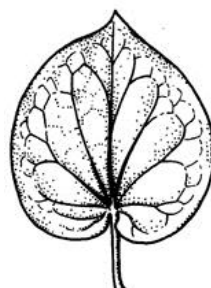
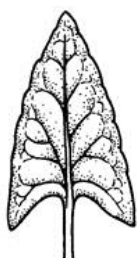
Is their sound like ...laughing crying screaming?

Circle the correct word



**Walk back out the gate and stop at the corner of the garden bed on your right...**

**6. *Brachychiton compactus* (Whitsunday Bottle tree)** leaves change shape as they get older... They are palmate/ lobed when young. Circle a palmate leaf shape (Like a palm and 5 fingers)





**Look across the path for the sign and the next two questions. 7.**

The **Sauropus hedge** may have shiny green creatures hiding amongst the leaves. What could they be?



**8. Draw the emblem of the Botanic Gardens... It looks like a Mount Blackwood Holly flower.** (Our logo & emblem is at the top of the previous page)



**9.** There are lots of different coloured berries hanging on this plant. Is this plant a... **Giant Palm Lily** or **Giant Palm tree** Circle the correct words.

**Follow the path towards the staff carpark, turn left and walk to a yellow bollard and sign 10.**



**10.** The Tree Omphalea, *Omphalea celata* is the food plant for one of these creatures... Is it the North Queensland Day Moth or its caterpillar? **Circle the correct picture.** Hint... Which one eats the leaves?

**What happens to the caterpillars if these trees become extinct? The trees are threatened in the wild now.**



Have you read the book “The Bungee Jumping Caterpillars”? It is about these trees and creatures.

**Back to the buildings...Grab a map which is inside a Garden’s Guide and find area 23. (Top of the waterfall) Finch Hatton Gorge Waterway bridge, just past the cafe.**



**11.** Look at the rocks in and around the water. How many water skink lizards can you see? Draw one.

**Go to area 27 on the map. Screens and Hedges...**



**12.** Closest to the path is a row of Native Hibiscus bushes. Look in the bushes and see what creatures may be hiding amongst the leaves. What is the name of the beautiful bugs (either blue or orange)?

What other creatures did you find hidden in the bushes?

**Go through the maze of bushes to the lower lagoon path and head back towards the buildings.** Look at the view from the pointy end of the Outlook deck and identify some birds. **Bird names:**

**Did you know... Most of the plants mentioned in this quiz are “threatened in the wild plant species” and our Botanic Gardens are helping to preserve them so they will continue to exist.**

**Did you manage to finish the Quiz? Well Done!**

Remember you can recycle the Garden’s Guide by taking it back to the Administration building and then hand in your quiz to maybe Win a magnifying glass, creature Observation container and a special plant! Drawn Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016!