

# **Botanic Garden Passport - 20 things to do in the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens!**



**Welcome to the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens! We would love for you to enjoy the Gardens. You can help us care for the plants and animal too! While you're exploring, please take care not to hurt yourself or any other living thing!**

**Try these activities on for size! Tick them off as you go. Once you have completed all of these activities, come to the Gardens Administration to collect your stamp! Do them all in a day or take your time over the school holidays! Grab a Gardens Guide to help you through the Gardens.**

1) Lie under a tree and look up into the canopy. Pretend you are a possum running along the branch.

2) Stop at one of the Bird Shelters along the Lagoons (10 and 36 on the Gardens Guide Map) and spot as many birds as you can along the Lagoons. Write down the number.



3) Watch the butterflies around the Administration Building and Tropical Shade Garden and see how many you can spot! Which is your favourite one? Note down its colours. Try drawing one in the space here.



4) Find shapes in plants and faces in the trees.

5) Close your eyes and listen to the wind rustle through the trees. What else can you hear? What time of day is it? Where are you lying down?

6) Play hide and seek behind the trees.

**7) Find some fallen leaves and make a pattern out of them.**

**8) Try to jump from one shadow of a tree to the next.**

**9) Make up your own story about the Botanic Gardens. Imagine what happens here on a moon lit night!**



**10) Count how many different colours you can find in leaves fallen on the ground.**

**11) Balance a leaf or twig on your head. How long can you balance it for?**

**12) Take a walk through the Tropical Shade Garden (Number 17 in the Gardens Guide map) and find a Golden Orb Weaving Spider!**



**13) Feel the grass under your feet – try taking tiny steps and giant steps. Measure the steps with leaves to see how long you can go!**

**14) Lie on your back and watch the clouds. How many shapes can you find?**



**15) Pretend you are a dinosaur roaming through the Gardens!**

**16) Bring a book and get your mum, dad or grandparent to read it for you.**



**17) Have a play in the Under the Banyan playground.**

**18) Take a walk through the Regional Forests and look for some quandong fruit.**



**19) How many different colours can you see in the Heritage Gardens? Note down some of the colours.**

**20) Go to the Gymnosperm deck (number 15 in Gardens Guide) and see if you can spot all the birds on the bird shelter sign.**



**Parents/ Caregivers – Our Botanic Gardens are an amazing place to visit – we hope you have a great time! Bring a hat, and water bottle and remember to wear sunscreen and insect repellent.**