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Look on the ground, can you find one of these very special seeds?

Ornate-fruited *Neisosperma* is found only in the Mackay/Whitsunday region, making it a very vulnerable native species. The seed is encased in an endocarp (a shell that splits apart to reveal the seed) that is truly beautiful and appears to have been intricately hand carved. How many can you see? here?



2

Can you find a *Banksia* tree with cone shaped fruit?

Look at the leaf shape and use the guide below to identify which species of *Banksia* it is.

Did you know *Banksia*'s are one of Australia's native wildflowers. They are named after the English botanist Joseph Banks who collected these plants on his voyage to Australia with captain James Cook.

Banksia spinulosa →



← *Banksia integrifolia*

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Can you find another species of *Banksia* tree with cone shaped fruit? Look at the leaf shape and use the guide above to identify which species of *Banksia* it is.

Did you know most *Banksia* fruit need exposure to fire before releasing their seed.

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The Rainbow Serpent is part of the Dreaming stories of all Aboriginal clans. The pathway winding through regional forests is representative of the rainbow serpent.

Each section of our Rainbow Serpent pathway, starting after the head, has animals or Aboriginal art symbols outlined with river pebbles. Find and count the ones listed below as you respectfully follow the decorated path: turtle, platypus, bird, lizard, fish, jellyfish, dungong, echidna, human, crab, plant.

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Pandanus is a native Australian palm, like most trees, it starts life with a trunk firmly attached to the ground, but this withers and is eventually completely replaced by stilt roots (meaning roots that arise from around the base of the stem). Did you know that *Pandanus* love the sun, so if a seed was to germinate in a shady place it could use



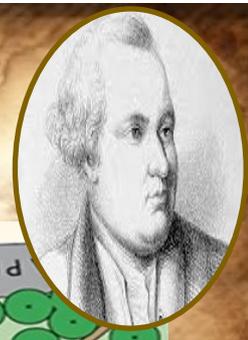
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Look on the ground to find seeds and fruit of the Blue Quandong Tree, fruits are blue or purple in colour, 2-3cm round. They contain edible greenish flesh and one large pitted stone which can be used to make necklaces or decorations. The wood of this tree is often used in flooring, furniture and boat planking.





YOUNG EXPLORERS



Ahoy there!

Are you ready to explore the garden and find and learn about each of the items on the list on the back page by using this map as your guide?

