

Can You Spot These?

Spread across the trail we have picked 9 special points of interest. Use or print out this sheet and check off each item as you find it, while learning more about it. Think of it as a type of treasure hunt!

Melaleuca Raphiophylla Schaur (Swamp Paperbark) making a natural archway: Known by the Noongar people as “Bibool Boorn” or “Yowarl”, this is one of the most significant plant species in the region. Long strips of bark were used for the roofing for “mia mia” (temporary shelters) and smaller pieces could be used to carry water or to hold food, or wrap meat dishes when putting in hot coals or in an earth oven. *Yowarl* can also be used as a torch: after tightly rolling long pieces of bark, one end can be set alight and the high oil content of the bark keeps the torch smouldering. Melaleuca leaves are also used by Noongar people for medicinal purposes.



Street Libraries: Street Libraries are beautiful homes for books, which invite neighbours to share the joys of reading and create lasting connections inside your community. Try to find this Street Library – swap books, or take one and return another later. You can find more Street Libraries around Bayswater [here](#).



Insect Hotels: Insect hotels provide a home for insects to live and lay their eggs. Three have been installed at the Sanctuary to help support biodiversity and encourage breeding. You can make your own for your backyard, there are lots of WA websites to show you how.



Metal Bird Sculpture: The Bayswater Mens Shed made and donated two water bird sculptures out of scrap metal, and gifted these to the sanctuary as well as the insect hotels. Think about what kind of bird this reminds you of? Try to find it ‘in the flesh’ along the trail.



Centennial Memorial Drive Plaque: 362 trees are planted here, of which 126 have plaques inscribed with names of those Bayswater locals who died in service or were killed in action. Read this [Eastern Reporter ‘Opinion piece’](#) by Karen Ransom as she delved into the history behind one of the memorial plaques at Memorial Drive. Try and find this tribute plaque for A.G. Power.



Islamic Sculpture: This sculpture was created by Arif Satar in 2005, and celebrates the five elements of water, wind, sun, earth and fire and their significance to the WA communities of Islam, Christianity and Judaism. The aim of the artwork is to connect communities and dispel ignorance of cultural diversity. The artwork is expressed through Calligraphy which is an ancient art form that holds significance to many cultural groups. Council approved the installation in February 2005 to be included and unveiled as part of the annual Autumn River Festival that used to be held here at Riverside Gardens.



Natural Tree Sculpture: A severe thunderstorm in early 2020 caused many mature trees across Perth (and many along the Bayswater River foreshore) to be ripped out of the ground. Thankfully, this one was kept and made into a unique piece of art.



Nest box hidden in Hinds Reserve: Many of our birds and other animals rely on tree hollows to live and breed in, but trees with hollows are a dwindling resource. Hollows only form in very old trees —at least 100 years old — so with widespread clearing for farming, timber production or development, many old, hollow-bearing trees are simply not there any more. How can we help? By planting more trees for the future and stopping clearance of old trees, but in the meantime we have erected nest boxes to replace tree hollows.



Eucalyptus camaldulensis (River Red Gum): The tree that this trunk 'scar' belongs to is not a local gumtree species, and is actually classified as a weed within the Swan Bioregion. It was planted decades ago by well-meaning individuals, but the City of Bayswater now ensures the planting of local and non-weed species in its parks, gardens and open spaces through the [Urban Forest Strategy](#) and recommends suitable species to residents through its [Local Native Plants Guide](#).



This trail has been developed in collaboration with Enviro House, Transition Town Bayswater, and the City of Bayswater

