



The extensive range of plants, trees and shrubs in the gardens at Sandringham ensure a profusion of colour and interest right through the year. Many plants are of particular interest this week – here are just a few to look out for:

In the Woodland Walk:

1. **Clerodendron trichotomum fargesii** has scented star-shaped white flowers which will be followed by bright blue berries surrounded by pink calyces
2. **Hydrangea** different forms in white, pink and blue can be seen throughout the garden
3. **Cotinus coggygria** the Smoke Tree, because the loose feathery flower panicles look like smoke!

In the North End Garden:

4. **Gardenia jasminoides** these tender plants are only outside in summer; the sweet scent of the white flowers is particularly noticeable in the early morning
5. **Verbena bonariensis** a tender perennial with violet flower heads borne on tall stems hovering over the other plantings
6. **Salvia horminum** an interesting annual with brightly-coloured terminal bracts in shades of pink, blue and cream

On the Terrace:

7. **Heliotrope** used as summer bedding in the large stone baskets, the deep lavender coloured flowers have a vanilla-like scent

In the Museum Courtyard:

8. **Agapanthus africanus** this is the giant form of agapanthus, grown in pots so that it can be given winter protection

In the Stream Gardens:

9. **Hemerocallis** the Day-Lily thrives beside the streams in banks of cream, yellow and orange

Lakes:

10. **Gunnera manicata** enormous (2m-plus) leaves looking like huge rhubarb plants, happiest in really damp situations
11. **Agapanthus “Headbourne hybrids”** these lily-like herbaceous plants in shades of blue through to white seed freely in this area, giving a larger display each year