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## CHINDERWARRINER POOL WALK TRAILS

These notes will help you to understand some of the features of this area. Numbered posts are placed along the trails to identify the places referred to.

1. Cotton Palm. Washington robusta. Tall, fast growing fan palms from North America. "Fan palm" refers to the fan shaped fronds. Compare it with Date Palms (No. 3) and Millstream Palms (No. 5).
2. River Gum. Eucalyptus camaldulensis. This tree, sometimes called River Red Gum is common near water. It occurs in all mainland states.
3. From here one can see the dam wall built around the end of the pool. The palms are Date Palms Phoenix dactylifera. Dates were planted by "Afghan" Camel drivers at numerous waterholes in the Pilbara. At Millstream they have spread and now dominate the vegetation here. The fronds are not fan shaped.
4. Bamboo. An introduced plant, possibly Bambusa arnhemica which grows in far northern Australia. Nearby are some enormous Oleanders.
5. Millstream Palm. Livistona alfredii. The only indigenous Palm in the Pilbara, it is a relic from an age of higher rainfall when our vegetation was more like that of the far north. It is a slow growing fan palm that can be distinguished from Cotton palms by blue green not shiny green fronds and shorter trunks when mature. Besides Millstream it occurs in one or two remote valleys in the Hamersley Range.
6. Black Flying-fox. Pteropus alecto. This is the only large colony of flying-foxes in the inland Pilbara (there are some in coastal mangroves).

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7. Vegetable Garden. One can still see the remains of furrow lines by which the crops were irrigated.
8. Cajeput (Northern Paperbark) Melaleuca leucadendron. Previously used as structural timber in buildings (e.g. rafters in the Tavern verandah roof) and for furniture making.
9. Bathhouse foundations. The bath house was built over the channel. People bathed in a continuous flow of sparkling water from Crystal Pool.



