

Native Species

PLANTING RECOMMENDATIONS
ACROSS AUSTRALIA

National
Tree Day

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Introduction

SUPPORT NATIONAL TREE DAY BY PLANTING NATIVES AT HOME OR AT SCHOOL

We love native plants for many reasons. Not only are they beautiful, relatively low maintenance, and help support wildlife — they also make Australia home.

That is why we at National Tree Day have created this guide to highlight native species suitable for planting across different regions of Australia.

The species included in this guide provide only a tiny snapshot of the many wonderful native plants available for planting in your backyard or school. We have selected some widespread native plants, which should be easy to source and able to grow in a range of environmental conditions.

If you are interested in understanding which native plants are specific to your location, we suggest contacting your local native nursery or council for more targeted information and guidance. This guide is not intended to inform formal habitat regeneration and restoration activities.

We have also highlighted some threatened species throughout the guide. These are not suggestions for planting, as they are unlikely to be available from nurseries. Our wish is that they provide you with further encouragement to support our amazing native plants.

Whether you are planting in July to celebrate National Tree Day or working in your garden throughout the year, we hope this inspires you to plant more natives whenever and wherever you can.

[Get involved](#) and support National Tree Day by planting native species at home or school any time of the year!

Acknowledgement of Country

Planet Ark acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the places in which we live, work and plant. We recognise the enduring relationships they have with their lands and waters, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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Many of the beautiful photos in this guide were sourced from *iNaturalist*, an online community of botanists, citizen scientists and nature lovers. Thank you for your care and enthusiasm for our native flora.





Australian Capital Territory

Canberra



GOLDEN WATTLE

Scientific name: *Acacia pycnantha*

Description:

- Australia's national floral emblem
- Shrub or small tree up to 8m tall
- The bright yellow balls of flowers occur mainly in late Winter and Spring
- Fast-growing and tolerates a wide range of soils
- Please see important note on page 17



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- Lower surface of the leaves are white and hairy and appear silver in the wind
- The yellow flower spikes grow to 10cm long
- Can flower year-round, but mainly from Summer-Winter
- Flowers are nectar-rich and are bird-attracting
- A low maintenance, fast-growing and long-lived plant that can tolerate a range of environments





PALE FLAX LILY

Scientific name: *Dianella longifolia*

Description:

- A strappy clumping herb. Flower stalks grow up to 1.5m long
- Blue-purple flowers are produced in Spring-Summer
- The fruit is a pale blue berry
- A hardy and long-lived plant
- A good gap filler for gardens
- Provides habitat for insects, reptiles and invertebrates



APPLE BERRY

Scientific name: *Billardiera scandens*

Description:

- A spreading groundcover or climber with stems up to 3m long
- Yellow-cream bell-shaped flowers are produced in Spring-Summer
- Nectar attracts honeyeaters
- The hairy and edible oblong-shaped berries turn yellow once ripe
- Tolerates a wide range of environments and makes a good addition to any garden

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Spotlight: A threatened species from Canberra



Image credit: alexmclachlan, iNaturalist

NOTE:

Due to the conservation status of this species, we are not suggesting it will be available for purchase.

BUTTON WRINKLEWORT

Scientific name: *Rutidosia leptorhynchoides*

Description:

- A perennial wildflower growing to 30cm
- Listed as endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and is also on the ACT Threatened Native Species List
- Grows in grasslands and woodlands in NSW, the ACT and VIC
- In the ACT, the species grows on the edges of Yellow Box and Red Gum Grassy Woodland and in Natural Temperate Grasslands
- Threats include habitat loss and degradation, weed invasion, altered fire regimes and grazing

Conservation status: Endangered



New South Wales

North Coast

(Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie)



SWEET BURSARIA

Scientific name: *Bursaria spinosa*

Description:

- A prickly shrub growing to 4m tall
- The cream-white flowers have a lovely, sweet perfume and are produced in Summer
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PURPLE CORAL PEA

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Description:

- A widespread and hardy climber, with stems reaching up to 2m long
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- Should grow well in most gardens
- There are a range of cultivars available





OVAL-LEAVED MINT BUSH

Scientific name: *Prostanthera ovalifolia*

Description:

- One of the most popular Mint Bush species
- Generally grows to 2.5m but can reach up to 5m in height
- Produces large amounts of beautiful purple flowers in Spring (some forms have pink or white flowers)
- Pleasantly aromatic leaves – from the same family as many commonly used herbs such as mint, thyme and oregano
- Generally easy to grow and tolerates most soil types



MIDGEN BERRY

Scientific name: *Austromyrtus dulcis*

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- From the same family as eucalypts, which means the leaves show visible oil glands and have a lovely fragrance when crushed
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Central Coast (Newcastle)



BLUEBERRY ASH

Scientific name: *Elaeocarpus reticulatus*

Description:

- Beautiful small tree growing 3-15m tall
- Hardy and low maintenance
- Can grow in sunny and shaded locations
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Spotlight: A threatened species from Newcastle



SCRUB TURPENTINE

Scientific name: *Rhodamnia rubescens*

Description:

- A shrub or small tree growing up to 25m
- Listed as critically endangered under both the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and NSW's *Biodiversity Conservation Act*
- Distribution includes coastal regions from Batemans Bay (NSW) to Bundaberg (QLD)
- Found in littoral, warm temperate and subtropical rainforest and also in wet sclerophyll forest
- Threats include infection by Myrtle Rust, habitat degradation and weed invasion, land clearing and altered fire regimes

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

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Greater Sydney



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NARROW-LEAFED MYRTLE

Scientific name: *Austromyrtus tenuifolia*

Description:

- Shrub growing to 2m tall
- A truly local plant – the species' natural range is confined to the Greater Sydney Basin
- Many small white flowers are produced in Spring-Summer
- Produces edible purple berries which make great jam!
- Can grow in both shade and sun, and in most soil types
- Attracts birds and butterflies



BLUE FLAX LILY

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Illawarra

(Wollongong)

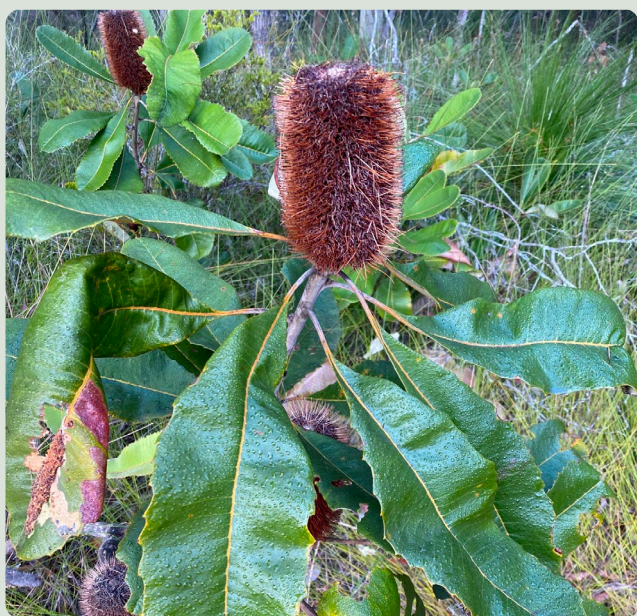


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Description:

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- The large, serrated leaves can grow to more than 30cm long and more than 10cm wide!
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Spotlight: A threatened species from Western Sydney and the Illawarra



Image credit: kbbushcare, iNaturalist

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SPIKED RICE FLOWER

Scientific name: *Pimelea spicata*

Description:

- A shrub growing to approximately 0.5m
- Listed as endangered under both the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and NSW's *Biodiversity Conservation Act*
- This species was once widespread on the Cumberland Plain, however it now only occurs in Marayong and Prospect Reservoir south to Narellan and Douglas Park
- The species also occurs in the Illawarra region, just south of Sydney (Landsdowne to Shellharbour to northern Kiama)
- In Western Sydney, the species is found in Cumberland Plain Woodland and Moist Shale Woodland
- In the Illawarra, the species is found in woodland and coastal grassland
- Threats include habitat loss, altered fire regimes and weed invasion

Conservation status: Endangered



Blue Mountains



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DAGGER HAKEA

Scientific name: *Hakea teretifolia*

Description:

- Shrub growing to 4m tall
- Prickly, needle-like leaves
- Cream-yellow spider-flower clusters are produced from Spring-Summer
- The dagger-shaped woody fruit is rather distinct and attractive
- The dense prickly growth habit provides protection for small birds such as Superb Fairy Wrens and smaller honeyeaters



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Important note: Care should be taken when planting this species near bushland. Golden wattle has become an invasive weed in certain parts of Australia.



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Northern Territory

Darwin (Tropical)



FERN-LEAF GREVILLEA

Scientific name: *Grevillea pteridifolia*

Description:

- Large shrub or small tree that can grow to more than 10m tall
- The nectar-rich orange flowers are produced mainly in Winter and Spring
- Attracts birds and other animals
- Has delicate grey-green foliage
- Fast-growing and can tolerate a variety of soil types



SANDPAPER FIG

Scientific name: *Ficus opposita*

Description:

- Large shrub or small tree growing 3-8m tall
- Leaves have a sandpaper texture on the upper surface
- Attracts birds
- Fruit is edible by humans and has a great flavour!





CAPE YORK LILY

Scientific name: *Curcuma australasica*

Description:

- A native ginger that grows to less than 1m tall
- The rhizome can be used in cooking like the closely related Asian Turmeric
- The yellow flowers with pink-purple bracts (modified leaves) appear in Spring

Spotlight: A threatened species from Darwin



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DARWIN CYCAD

Scientific name: *Cycas armstrongii*

Description:

- Cycad growing to 6m
- Listed as vulnerable under NT's *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act*
- Endemic to the NT
- Known from Gunn Point to Hayes Creek, west to within 50 km of the coast and east to the Wildman River catchment. Also occurs on the Tiwi Islands and Cobourg Peninsula
- Grows in open grassy woodland
- Threats include land clearing, weed invasion and altered fire regimes

Conservation status: Vulnerable



Alice Springs (Semi Arid)



MULGA

Scientific name: *Acacia aneura*

Description:

- A shrub or small tree (depending on rainfall), growing to between 3-10m tall
- The needle-shaped phyllodes (flattened leaf stems) are finely hairy and have a silvery appearance
- Vibrant yellow flowers
- Flowering time varies depending on rainfall, but generally occurs during Autumn-Spring
- Is relatively long-lived (50 years) compared to other wattles
- Hardy and drought-tolerant - has a large taproot to access underground water reserves



OLD MAN SALTBUCH

Scientific name: *Atriplex nummularia*

Description:

- A shrub that is widespread in Australia's arid and semi-arid regions
- Growing to 3m tall, this species is the largest of Australia's saltbushes
- The silver-grey leaves are highly attractive
- Produces tiny flowers throughout the year - male and female flowers occur on separate plants
- A very hardy and adaptable plant, able to survive both droughts and floods
- Prefers a well-drained and sunny position



KANGAROO GRASS

Scientific name: *Themeda triandra*

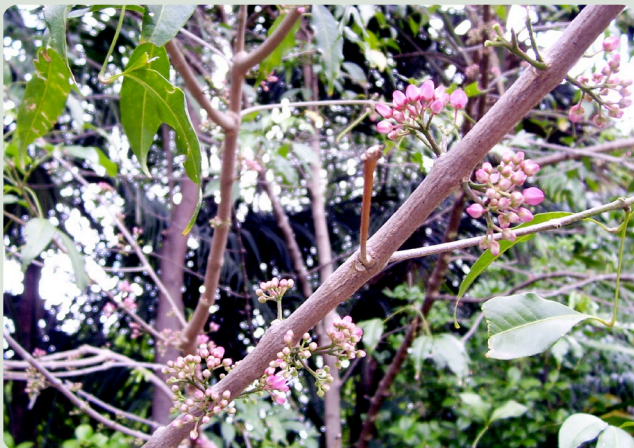
Description:

- Tufted perennial growing to 1.5m tall
- Is a great ornamental grass for garden plantings
- The leaves are a lovely green-grey colour and turn orange-brown during drier periods
- Can grow in both full sun or partly shaded positions and tolerates a variety of soil types
- Requires little water or maintenance once established



Queensland

Far North Queensland (Cairns)



LITTLE EVODIA

Scientific name: *Melicope rubra*

Description:

- Grows as either a large shrub or small tree to 6m tall
- Dense clusters of bright pink flowers grow along the stem of the plant
- Flowers during summer
- Attracts birds and butterflies
- Tolerates both sun and shade



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CREEK MAT RUSH

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- Very low maintenance and able to grow in a wide range of conditions
- Commonly used in landscaping and garden plantings

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Spotlight: A threatened species from Cairns



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POLYSCIAS BELLENDENKERENSIS

Description:

- A shrub or small tree 4-8m
- Native to north-east QLD in mountain rainforest
- Listed as vulnerable under both the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and QLD's *Nature Conservation Act*
- Main threat to this species is dieback from infection with root rot fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*)
- The fungus is spread by any activity that moves soil, water or plant material, such as bushwalking, off-road driving and gardening

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Northern Queensland

(Townsville)



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Mackay Region



LEMON MYRTLE

Scientific name: *Backhousia citriodora*

Description:

- Native to QLD's coastal forests from Mackay to Brisbane
- Tree or shrub growing to 8m tall
- Beautiful lemon-scented foliage, which can be used in cooking and to make tea
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- From the same family as eucalypts, which means the leaves show visible oil glands and have a lovely fragrance when crushed
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Spotlight: A threatened species from Brisbane



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ANGLE-STEMMED MYRTLE

Scientific name: *Gossia gonoclada*

Description:

- Tree 3-12m
- Listed as endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and as critically endangered under QLD's *Nature Conservation Act*
- Native to the Moreton Bay region, along the lower reaches of the Brisbane and Logan rivers and their tributaries
- Found in remnant lowland riparian rainforest/notophyll vine forest communities
- Main threats include infection with myrtle rust, land clearing and habitat loss, and weed invasion

Conservation status: Endangered

NOTE:

Due to the conservation status of this species, we are not suggesting it will be available for purchase.



South Australia

Adelaide



SILVER BANKSIA

Scientific name: *Banksia marginata*

Description:

- Generally grows as a medium shrub to 2m but can reach more than 10m
- Lower surface of the leaves are white and hairy and appear silver in the wind
- The yellow flower spikes grow to 10cm long
- Can flower year-round, but mainly from Summer-Winter
- Flowers are nectar-rich and bird-attracting
- A low maintenance, fast-growing and long-lived plant that can tolerate a range of environments



RIVER BOTTLEBRUSH

Scientific name: *Callistemon sieberi*

Description:

- Generally a medium shrub growing to 2.5m but can reach up to 8m as a small tree
- Fast-growing and easy to maintain
- The showy cream flowers attract nectar-feeding birds, and are present from Spring-Autumn
- Prefers a sunny location but will also do well in part shade





NATIVE INDIGO

Scientific name: *Indigofera australis*

Description:

- A widespread slender shrub growing to 2m tall
- Leaves are delicate-looking and a wonderful blue-green colour
- Flowers are pink-purple and produced in Spring
- Easy to grow and widely available in nurseries across the country



BLUEBERRY LILY

Scientific name: *Dianella revoluta*

Description:

- Long-lived clump forming perennial herb growing to 1m tall
- The deep blue-purple flowers are produced on long stalks during Spring-Summer
- Produces round blue-purple fruits which attract birds such as parrots
- Very hardy plant able to grow in a wide variety of environments
- Can be easily divided to grow new individuals



Spotlight: A threatened species from Adelaide



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SMALL SCURF PEA

Scientific name: *Cullen parvum*

Description:

- Perennial herb with trailing stems to 50cm
- Listed as vulnerable under SA's *National Parks and Wildlife Act*
- Also found in NSW and VIC
- In SA, grows in grasslands and grassy woodland or open forest dominated by eucalypt species
- Mostly recorded near creeks, ephemeral pools and river channels
- Threats include habitat loss, weed invasion, altered fire regimes, trampling and grazing

Conservation status: Vulnerable

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Adelaide Hills

(Mount Lofty, Mount Barker)



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GOLD DUST WATTLE

Scientific name: *Acacia acinacea*

Description:

- A fast-growing shrub to 2m tall
- The adult leaves are modified flattened leaf stems (they are called phyllodes)
- The vibrant golden balls of flowers are produced in Spring
- Hardy plant suited to a range of soil types
- Attracts seed-feeding birds



SWEET BURSARIA

Scientific name: *Bursaria spinosa*

Description:

- A prickly shrub growing to 4m tall
- The cream-white flowers have a lovely, sweet perfume and are produced in Summer
- The nectar-rich flowers are a food source for birds and butterflies
- The dense and prickly nature of this plant provides protection for small birds

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PURPLE CORAL PEA

Scientific name: *Hardenbergia violacea*

Description:

- A widespread and hardy climber, with stems reaching up to 2m long
- Beautiful purple pea-shaped flowers produced from Winter-Spring
- Should grow well in most gardens
- There are a range of cultivars available



RUNNING POSTMAN

Scientific name: *Kennedia prostrata*

Description:

- A scrambling ground cover plant reaching 2.5m in diameter
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Mount Gambier



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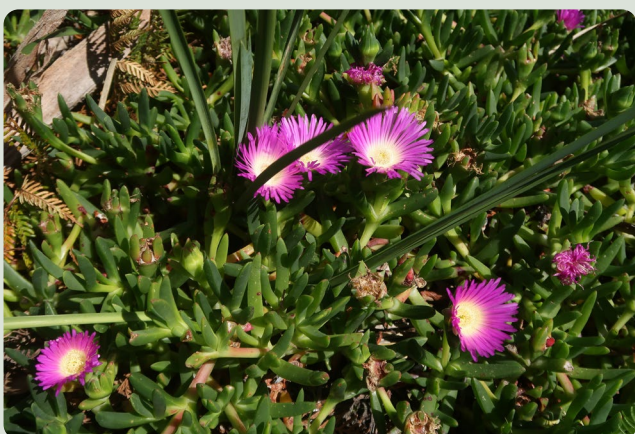


GOLDEN WATTLE

Scientific name: *Acacia pycnantha*

Description:

- Australia's national floral emblem
- Shrub or small tree up to 8m tall
- The bright yellow balls of flowers occur mainly in late Winter and Spring
- Fast-growing and tolerates a wide range of soils
- Please see important note on page 17



PIGFACE

Scientific name: *Carpobrotus rossii*

Description:

- A succulent ground cover spreading to more than 2m in diameter
- Has striking pink-purple flowers
- Both the fleshy fruit and leaves are edible
- Grows naturally on coastal dunes, so is well suited to an exposed coastal environment
- Prefers well drained soil and a sunny position

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SPINY-HEAD MAT-RUSH

Scientific name: *Lomandra longifolia*

Description:

- A strappy perennial herb with leaves growing to 1m
- A very hardy and drought-tolerant plant
- Tolerates a wide range of climates and soil types
- Flowers are produced in Winter-Spring and have a lovely, sweet scent



Tasmania

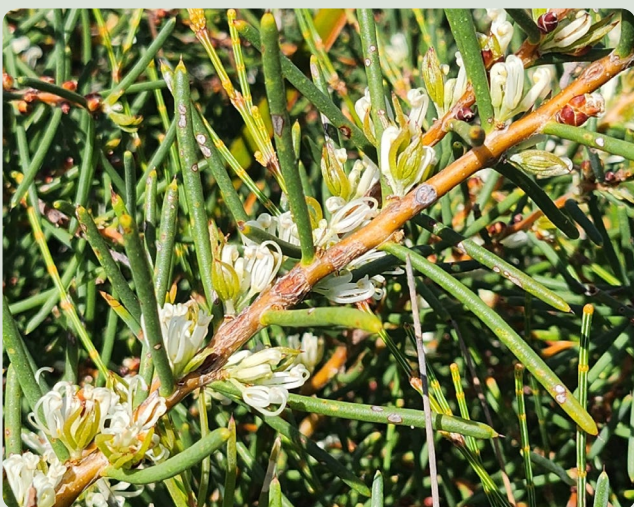


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DAGGER HAKEA

Scientific name: *Hakea teretifolia*

Description:

- Shrub growing to 4m tall
- Prickly, needle-like leaves
- Cream-yellow spider-flower clusters are produced from Spring-Summer
- The dagger-shaped woody fruit is rather distinct and attractive
- The dense prickly growth habit provides protection for small birds such as Superb Fairy Wrens and smaller honeyeaters

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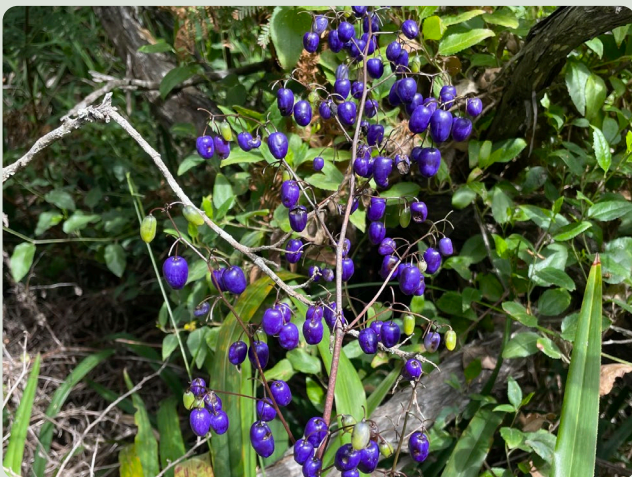


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TASMAN FLAX LILY

Scientific name: *Dianella tasmanica*

Description:

- A strappy perennial herb
- Beautiful purple flowers are produced in Spring-Summer
- The large blue berries attract birds
- Good to grow under tree or shrub canopies
- Very low maintenance and drought-tolerant, so requires little watering once established



Spotlight: A threatened species from Tasmania



NOTE:

Due to the conservation status of this species, we are not suggesting it will be available for purchase.

MIDLANDS ACACIA

Scientific name: *Acacia axillaris*

Description:

- Shrub 2-4m
- Listed as vulnerable under both the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and *TAS' Threatened Species Protection Act*
- Endemic to the Midlands region in north and east-central TAS, and Mt Barrow in the subalpine/montane zone of north-east TAS
- Threats include land clearing, altered hydrology, altered fire regimes, weed invasion, trampling and grazing by stock

Conservation status: Vulnerable



Victoria

Melbourne



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BLUE FLAX LILY

Scientific name: *Dianella caerulea*

Description:

- A clumping perennial herb that spreads via underground stems called rhizomes
- The strappy leaves grow to less than 1m high
- Stalks bearing beautiful blue-purple flowers with showy yellow stamens are produced in Spring-Summer
- Vibrant blue-purple berries
- A trustworthy and hardy plant that grows in a variety of climates and soil types
- Clumps can be divided to produce new individuals

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Spotlight: A threatened species from Greater Melbourne



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FRANKSTON SPIDER ORCHID

Scientific name: *Caladenia robinsonii*

Description:

- A deciduous perennial orchid that dies back annually to a small underground tuber
- Listed as endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and as critically endangered under VIC's *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act*
- Endemic to Victoria and restricted to the Mornington Peninsula
- Found in Coast Manna Gum woodland
- Threats include habitat loss and degradation, weed invasion, and trampling

Conservation status: Critically Endangered



Geelong



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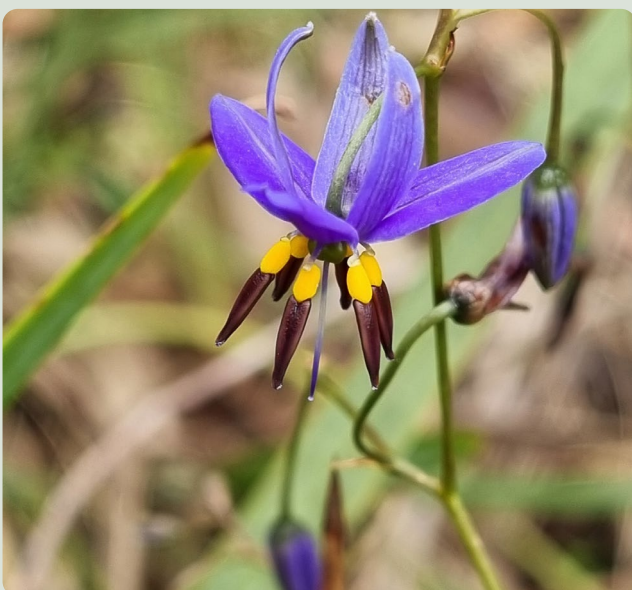


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- The dense and prickly nature of this plant provides protection for small birds



BLUEBERRY LILY

Scientific name: *Dianella revoluta*

Description:

- Long-lived clump forming perennial herb growing to 1m tall
- The deep blue-purple flowers are produced on long stalks during Spring-Summer
- Produces round blue-purple fruits which attract birds such as parrots
- Very hardy plant able to grow in a wide variety of environments
- Can be easily divided to grow new individuals



Bendigo/Ballarat



RIVER BOTTLEBRUSH

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Description:

- Generally a medium shrub growing to 2.5m but can reach up to 8m as a small tree
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Warrnambool



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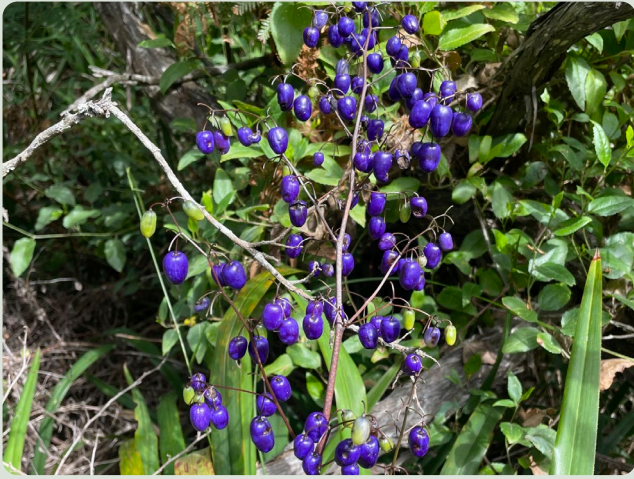
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- Very low maintenance and drought-tolerant, so requires little watering once established





Western Australia

Perth



SLENDER BANKSIA

Scientific name: *Banksia attenuata*

Description:

- Shrub or small tree reaching up to 10m (generally only 4m in drier areas)
- The bright yellow flower spikes are produced from Spring-Summer
- Nectar-rich flowers attract birds such as honeyeaters
- The long and slender leaves have serrated margins
- Dwarf varieties have been cultivated



SPIDER NET GREVILLEA

Scientific name: *Grevillea thelemanniana*

Description:

- A spreading shrub growing to 1.5m tall
- The pink-red spider-like flowers are produced from Winter-Spring
- Delicate foliage
- Can be grown happily in pots
- Prefers a sunny position
- The nectar-rich flowers will attract birds to your garden





SAND BOTTLEBRUSH

Scientific name: *Beaufortia squarrosa*

Description:

- This genus (*Beaufortia*) is endemic to Western Australia (i.e. only occurs naturally in WA)
- A shrub growing up to 2m tall
- Small, oval-shaped leaves
- Bright red flowers in Spring
- Prefers well-drained soil and a sunny position
- Generally grows well in gardens in the Perth region



RUNNING POSTMAN

Scientific name: *Kennedia prostrata*

Description:

- A scrambling ground cover plant reaching 2.5m in diameter
- The leaves are a lovely grey-green colour and are separated into 3 leaflets with wavy margins
- Beautiful red pea-shaped flowers
- Hardy plant that prefers a sunny position
- A good option for hanging baskets



BLUEBERRY LILY

Scientific name: *Dianella revoluta*

Description:

- Long-lived clump forming perennial herb growing to 1m tall
- The deep blue-purple flowers are produced on long stalks during Spring-Summer
- Produces round blue-purple fruits which attract birds such as parrots
- Very hardy plant able to grow in a wide variety of environments
- Can be easily divided to grow new individuals



South-West WA

(Margaret River, Albany)



BULL BANKSIA

Scientific name: *Banksia grandis*

Description:

- Large shrub or small tree growing to 10m tall
- Attractive large, toothed leaves
- Yellow flower spikes are produced from Spring-Summer
- Flowers attract bees, birds and butterflies
- A low-maintenance plant that prefers well-drained soil
- Can be grown in pots



MYRTLE WATTLE

Scientific name: *Acacia myrtifolia*

Description:

- A shrub growing to 2m tall
- Has beautiful red stems, which make it an attractive garden plant
- The adult leaves are modified flattened leaf stems (they are called phyllodes) and are up to 5cm long
- The cream-yellow balls of flowers are produced in Spring
- A generally hardy plant that prefers a sunny position



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Spotlight: A threatened species from Perth



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SPIDER NET GREVILLEA

Scientific name: *Grevillea thelemanniana*

Description:

- Listed as critically endangered under both the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and WA's *Biodiversity Conservation Act*
- Restricted to the south-eastern suburbs of Perth. Most plants are within an area known as the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands
- Prefers to grow in Tall Open Shrubland and Tall Open Scrub
- Threats include land clearing and habitat loss, weed invasion, grazing and water stress

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

