

Trees

Plant name	Physical features	Flowering time	Attracts wildlife	Size (metres)	Position	Soil type	Other attributes
Dwarf Apple <i>Angophora hispida</i>	A small spreading evergreen tree with cream nectar rich flowers, rarely grows taller than 4m	Summer	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies	Height: 4-7m Width: 3-5m	sun	dry, well drained	Low maintenance
Grey Myrtle <i>Backhousia myrtifolia</i>	A small evergreen tree with cream coloured flowers and cinnamon scented foliage	Summer	Bees Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds	Height: 3-7m Width: 2-5m	sun or partly shaded	any	Will tolerate most soils but likes it deep; foliage can be used for cooking in place of cinnamon
Old Man Banksia <i>Banksia serrata</i>	A medium sized tree with leather serrated leaves and creamy to brown large flowers	Spring Summer	Bees Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds Butterflies	Height: 3-15m Width: 2-4m	sun	sand	Low maintenance
Coast Banksia <i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	A slow growing tree with leathery dark green leaves and nectar rich yellow flowers	Spring Autumn Winter	Bees Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds Butterflies	Height: 4-15m Width: 1-6m	sun	sand	Low maintenance garden; faster growing than other Banksia species

Shrubs

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Gossamer Wattle <i>Acacia floribunda</i>	Fast growing evergreen shrub with abundant pale cream flowers	Spring	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: 4-6m Width: 2-3m	sun or partly shaded	any	Useful for controlling erosion and often used as a hedge or wind breaker
Sydney Golden Wattle <i>Acacia longifolia</i>	An upright and spreading evergreen shrub with golden yellow flowers	Spring	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: 4-8m Width: 2-3m	sun	sand	Low maintenance, often used as a hedge or screen
White/Flax Wattle <i>Acacia linifolia</i>	A perennial shrub with fine leaves and cream flowers	Summer	Bees Seed eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 2-5m Width: 2-4m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Fast growing shrub that requires regular watering; bird nesting plant
Myrtle Wattle <i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	A medium red stemmed shrub with clusters of cream flowers	Spring	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-3m Width: 2-3m	sun	sand	Low maintenance, widespread shrub
Silver Banksia <i>Banksia marginata</i>	An evergreen broad domed shrub featuring large yellow flowers and green leaves with silver undersides	Spring Summer Winter	Bees Nectar eating birds Mammals Lizards	Height: 1-2m Width: 1-2m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Suitable for low hedges and forms a good rounded shape; pruning will result in a denser shrub

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Honey Pots <i>Banksia spinulosa</i>	Dense and compact shrub with golden flowers	All year	Bees Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds Mammals	Height: < 1m Width: < 1m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Low maintenance and can be easily pruned to smaller sizes
River Rose <i>Baurea rubioides</i>	A low growing plant with pink flowers and can be easily grown in pots	All year	Bees Butterflies	Height: < 1.5m Width: < 1m	shaded	any	Grows best in shady spots; needs moist soil
Coffee Bush <i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Evergreen erect shrub with small green pendulus flowers and pink fruit		Butterflies Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds	Height: < 2.5m Width: < 2m	sun or partly shaded	any	Prefers well composted soil; frost and drought tolerant
Sweet Bursaria <i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	A hardy shrub with small sweetly perfumed, white flowers	Summer	Bees Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-4m Width: 1-3m	sun or partly shaded	any	Low maintenance and fast growing; grows well in well-drained soil; great shelter for small birds
Native Fuschia <i>Correa reflexa</i>	A hardy shrub that produces pink, red or yellow flowers through the year	All year	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: < 1.2m Width: < 1m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Low maintenance and tolerates extended dry periods once established

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Eggs and Bacon <i>Dillwynia retorta</i>	Commonly found pea flowers with yellow and red flowers	Spring	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-3m Width: 1-3m	sun	sand	Prefers a light well-drained soil in an open sunny position
Silky Grevillea <i>Grevillea sericea</i>	Easy care medium sized shrub with spider shaped pink flowers	Autumn Winter Spring	Bees Other insects	Height: 1-2m Width: 1-2m	sun or partly shaded	any	Low maintenance and responds well to regular pruning
Silky Hakea <i>Hakea sericea</i>	Large shrub that produces fragrant flowers well in winter	Winter	Nectar eating birds Seed eating birds	Height: 1-5m Width: 1-3m	sun	any	Dense and fast growing; suitable for hedges
Australian Indigo <i>Indigofera australis</i>	An ornamental shrub with pink to purple blooms	Spring	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-2m Width: 1-2m	sun or partly shaded	any	Leaves and stems can be used as natural yellow dye
Tick Bush <i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	Medium shrub with bundles of white flowers	Spring	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-5m Width: 1-3m	sun or partly shaded	any	Good for screening, informal hedging and for low maintenance areas; responds well to pruning

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Copper Glow Tea Tree <i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i>	A hardy plant with arching branches clothed in copper coloured foliage and white flowers	Spring	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: 2-3m Width: 2-3m	sun or partly shaded	clay	Suited for informal hedging and screening, as well as a contrast shrub for other plantings
Honey Myrtle <i>Melaleuca thymifolia</i>	A dense mounded shrub with small leaves and clusters of attractive and intricate purple flowers	All year	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-2m Width: 1-2m	sun	any	A low growing hedge that requires little maintenance; great for shrubberies or as a pot
Thyme Honeymyrtle <i>Pultenaea microphylla</i>	Shrub with tiny narrow leaves and pretty yellow and red pea-type flowers	Summer Autumn Winter	Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 1-2m Width: < 1m	sun	any	Frost tolerant plant that prefers well drained soil

Herbs, Ground Covers and Scramblers

Plant name	Physical features	Flowering time	Attracts wildlife	Size (metres)	Position	Soil type	Other attributes
Apple Berry <i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Tough and adaptable climber that produces pink and white flowers	All year	Bees Nectar eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: <1.5m Width: 1-3m	sun or partly shaded	any	Suitable for screening, and works well as a dense groundcover for landscape or garden use and can be successfully grown in containers and hanging baskets
Headache Vine <i>Clematis glycinoides</i>	A woody stemmed vine with white flowers	Spring	Seed eating birds Butterflies Other insects	Height: 2-3m Width: 2-3m	sun	sand	It will grow as a ground cover where there are no adjacent plants to grow up on
Kidney Weed <i>Dichondra repens</i>	A creeping plant that spreads widely	All year	Frogs Lizards Other insects	Height: <0.3m Width: 1-5m	shaded	any	Can be used as a soft lawn alternative which doesn't need mowing, but will not stand up to hard traffic
Love Creeper <i>Glycine clandestina</i>	A fine open twining herb with long stems and flowers all year round	All year	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: <0.3m Width: 1-5m	sun	sand	Attractive light climber for gardens, on fences and logs; very hardy when established, and responds to pruning
Mystic Marvel <i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	A hardy climber or groundcover plant that flowers profusely in spring	Spring	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: 2-3.5m Width: 2-3.5m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Suits a wide range of soil types, sun to part shade, but the best flowering is in more sun

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Beard Grass <i>Opismenus aemulus</i>	Creeping and matting grass that can form a thick ground cover in shaded areas	Spring	Frogs Lizards Other insects	Height: <0.3m Width: 2-3m	shaded	any	Suitable for no mow lawns
White Root <i>Pratia purpurascens</i>	A small herb with white to pale purple flowers	Summer Autumn	Frogs Lizards Other insects	Height: <0.2m Width: <0.5m	shaded	any	
Native Violet <i>Viola hederacea</i>	Ground cover and lawn substitute with round leaves and purple and white flowers held above the foliage	All year	Frogs Lizards Other insects	Height: <0.2m Width: <1m	partly shaded	any	Can be used for a lawn substitute if it doesn't get much foot traffic

Grasses

Plant name	Physical features	Flowering time	Attracts wildlife	Size (metres)	Position	Soil type	Other attributes
Wallaby Grass <i>Austrodanthonia bipartita</i>	Blue-green grass with pale green to white fluffy flowers	Spring Summer	Caterpillars	Height: <0.12m Width: <0.9m	sun	any	Should be cut back periodically to encourage new growth
Flax Lily <i>Dianella longifolia</i>	A narrow-leafed form of Dianella with yellow and purple flowers	Spring	Bees Other insects	Height: <1m Width: <1m	sun or partly shaded	sand	It can be cut back to ground level if the plant gets untidy and will re-shoot from its underground rhizomes
Right Angle Grass <i>Entolasia marginata</i>	Straggling or shrubby wiry rhizomatous perennial	All year	Frogs Lizards Other insects	Height: <1m Width: <1m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Can grow up to 0.8m tall when freestanding, but may even reach in excess of 2m tall when supported by other plants
Mat Rush <i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	A hardy perennial with scented yellow flowers	Winter Spring	Bees Lizards Other insects	Height: <1m Width: <0.6m	sun or partly shaded	any	Tolerates dry spells but regular watering will stimulate new growth; can be used as an indoor plant
Tussock Grass <i>Poa affinis</i>	Perennial grass with highly ornamental needle-like blue/grey foliage	Spring Summer	Lizards	Height: <1 m Width: <0.5m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Ideal for gardens, borders, rockeries; drought and frost tolerant

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Kangaroo Grass <i>Themeda australis</i>	Textured foliage with rusty red flower head	Spring Summer	Seed eating birds Butterflies Lizards	Height: <0.5m Width: <0.6m	sun or partly shaded	any	Use it as a lawn substitute for small areas where it will not receive excessive foot traffic or as an unusual border plant at the front of a bed
Grass Tree <i>Xanthorrhoea spp.</i>	Slow growing perennial with a tuft of long thin leaves	Autumn Winter Spring	Bees Butterflies Other insects	Height: 0.2-5 m Width: 1-2m	sun or partly shaded	sand	Requires well drained soil in full sun to lightly dappled shade; in heavier soil it is advisable to build up raised beds for better drainage