

TREES

Alloxylon flammeum

Tree Waratah

Spring flowering tree to 9m from our tropical rainforest; terminal clusters of orange/red flowers make a dazzling display and attract birds; grafted trees may flower in 2-3 years.



Banksia integrifolia

Coast Banksia

Widespread, hardy small tree noted for its many pale yellow brushes and stiff deep green leaves with a whitish-grey underside; important winter nectar source for birds.



Brachychiton acerifolius

Flame Tree

Large upright deciduous tree with glossy, usually lobed leaves; bell-shaped flowers borne spring to summer followed by dark brown boat-shaped seed capsules; flowering can be erratic but is spectacular.



Buckinghamia celcissima

Ivory Curl Flower

Small densely foliated tree bearing masses of pendulous cream flower spikes in late summer/autumn; leaves deep green and glossy with reddish new growth. Popular street tree.



GROUND COVERS

Adiantum hispidulum

Rough Maidenhair Fern

Hardy clumping fern to 30cm for dry shaded areas; new pink semi-erect fronds provide colour on rainforest floor or edges of shaded paths; vigorous pot plant.



Hibbertia vestita

Hairy Guinea Flower

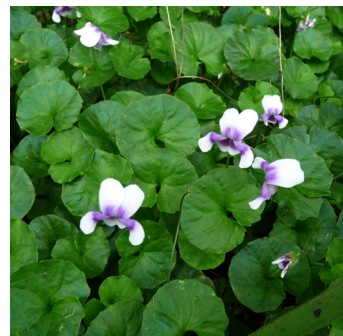
Hardy, compact, narrow dark green leaves and bright yellow flowers over a long period; prefers well-drained soils in full sun; requires minimal supplementary watering.



Viola banksii

Native Violet

An alternative to lawns for shaded, moderately moist areas; spreads quickly. Displays pretty purple and white flowers for most of the year above dense bright green round leaves.



These plants and many others grow well in our gardens. Take this brochure with you to your local nursery for more species which are adapted to the region; attract wildlife; and suit any garden style.

Cultivation Notes:

As soils and conditions vary across the Sunshine Coast, you should check your soil type, drainage and pH before selecting plants to suit your location. Your local nursery can assist.

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NATIVE PLANTS for local gardens Sunshine Coast

Melaleuca thymifolia

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SMALL AND MEDIUM SHRUBS

Atractocarpus chartaceus

Native Gardenia

Small fragrant white flowers borne in spring in leaf axils; long, narrow, glossy juvenile leaves broaden on older shrubs; an attractive understory shrub for rain-forest gardens.



Banksia spinulosa

Hairpin Banksia

Spectacular gold to bronze flower spikes borne in autumn and winter attract birds; leaves narrow, serrated, growth habit moderately spreading; prune to desired shape and size.



Graptophyllum ilicifolium

Holly Leaf Fuschia

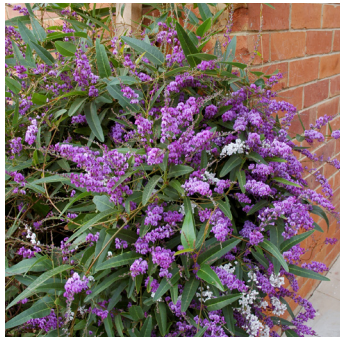
Erect shrub; 3-5m with distinctive leaves and bright deep pink spring flowers; seed pods open with an audible pop; multiple plant and prune to make a hedge.



Hardenbergia violacea

Native Sarsaparilla

Open shrub or climbing wiry vine with racemes of deep purple flowers in spring; very hardy, tolerates heat; colourful on trellises and against walls.



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Melaleuca thymifolia

Thyme Honey Myrtle

Dense twiggy shrub to 1.5m with purple, pink or white flower clusters in spring and sporadically through year; attracts birds and grows in full sun; readily available.



Pavetta australiensis

Pavetta

Rounded shrub to 2m with glossy dark green leaves; dense clusters of white perfumed flowers attract butterflies to rainforest gardens; requires free drainage; soil type not important.



Phebalium woombye

Phebalium

Spreading shrub to 2m with aromatic leaves, rich brown scaly buds and creamy white flower clusters in late winter, early spring; pink flowering and prostrate forms available; suited to pot culture.



Xanthostemon verticillatus

Little Penda

Small hardy shrub for gardens, courtyards and pots; creamy-white flower heads; leaves golden-green to bronze, turning red with age; prune to shape.



TALLER SHRUBS

Banksia plagiocarpa

Hinchinbrook Banksia

Beautiful velvety bronze new growth; flower spikes silver-grey with tinge of mauve; hardy shrub in well-drained soil; may reach 4-6m; tolerates pruning; excellent cut flower.



Hibiscus sp

'Barambah Creek'

Large spineless shrub with spectacular pink flowers and soft grey foliage; hardy in most soils; requires heavy pruning to shape; propagates readily from cuttings.



Phyllanthus cuscutiflorus

Pink Phyllanthus

Hardy fast growing ornamental shrub to 4m; great screen plant with semi-weeping foliage and pinkish to orange-red new growth; prune annually to maintain density and shape.



Syzygium fibrosum

Apricot Satin Ash

Hardy, easy to grow shrub to 4m; produces clusters of dark pink to red globular fruit which make delicious jam; an ideal screen plant; prune as desired.

