



# Native Garden Plants RESISTANT TO DIEBACK (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*)

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The disease known as dieback disease or jarrah dieback is caused by the soilborne pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. This was introduced into Australia and has long been recognised as a serious threat to the flora in the jarrah forest and on the northern and southern sandplains.

This list consists of Australian native plant species that are resistant to dieback and are available in WA nurseries. It has been compiled from field observations of resistance and the results of controlled experiments. However the classification of a plant as resistant to *P. cinnamomi* often depends on other environmental factors which can influence susceptibility to the pathogen. This list therefore provides a guide to plants which would have the greatest chance of survival in dieback affected sites.



This list is organised under different plant types  
and superscripts indicate

- 1 - glasshouse inoculation experiment;  
2 - field inoculation; 3 - field observations.

# Trees

## Name and Description

## Natural Distribution

### *Acacia dealbata*<sup>3</sup> **Silver Wattle**

Medium tree, grey fern-like foliage and bright yellow flowers in spring  
NSW, VIC, TAS

### *Acacia decurrens*<sup>3</sup> **Black Wattle**

Medium tree, bright green, fern-like foliage and profuse yellow flowers in early spring  
NSW

### *Acacia fimbriata*<sup>3</sup> **Fringed Wattle**

Small tree, small leaves and masses of yellow flowers in spring  
QLD, NSW

### *Acacia floribunda*<sup>3</sup> **Gossamer Wattle**

Tall shrub or small tree, slightly weeping, pale yellow rod flowers in spring  
QLD, NSW, VIC

### *Acacia mearnsii*<sup>3</sup> **Green Wattle**

Medium tree, green fern-like foliage and creamy yellow flowers usually in early spring  
NSW, VIC, TAS

### *Acacia retinoides*<sup>3</sup> **Wirilda or Swamp Wattle**

Small tree, green-grey foliage, bright yellow flowers most of the year  
SA, VIC, TAS

### *Acmena smithii*<sup>3</sup> **Lilly-Pilly**

Medium tree, glossy leaves, deep violet berries  
NSW, NT, QLD, VIC

### *Agonis flexuosa*<sup>3</sup> **Willow Myrtle**

Small-medium tree, semi weeping habit, leaves peppermint scented, small white flowers in spring  
WA

### *Banksia integrifolia*<sup>1</sup> **Coast Banksia**

Medium tree, green and grey foliage, cones of yellow flowers  
NSW QLD

### *Banksia serrata*<sup>1</sup> **Saw Banksia**

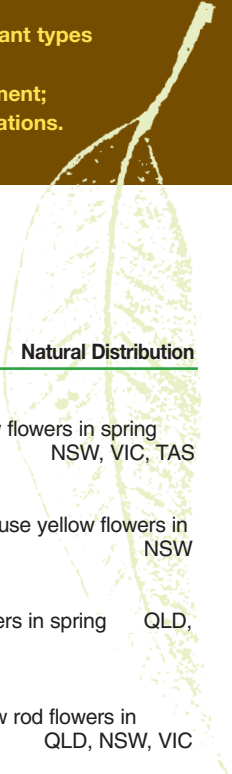
Small-medium tree, attractive leaves and cones of flowers, grey in bud, opening to yellow  
QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS

### *Brachychiton acerifolius*<sup>3</sup> **Illawarra Flame Tree**

Medium tree, glossy foliage, bright red bell flowers in summer  
NSW, QLD

### *Callistemon salignus*<sup>3</sup> **Willow Bottlebrush**

Small to medium upright tree, attractive bronze new foliage and cream bottlebrush flowers  
QLD, NSW



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### *Castenospermum australe*<sup>3</sup> **Moreton Bay Chestnut**

Medium to tall tree, dark glossy foliage, yellow buds and bright orange to red pea-like flowers along its branches, usually in late spring QLD, NSW

### *Casuarina cunninghamii*<sup>3</sup> **River Sheoak**

Medium to tall pyramidal tree, dense shady, deep green crown, suitable as windbreak or ornamental QLD, NSW, NT

### *Casuarina obesa*<sup>3</sup> **Swamp Sheoak**

Dense, robust grey-green foliaged tree, tolerates swampy and saline conditions WA



### *Corymbia calophylla*<sup>1</sup> (syn. *Eucalyptus calophylla*) **Marri**

Medium-tall tree with dense crown, large white, occasionally pink flowers in summer WA

### *Corymbia citriodora*<sup>1</sup> (syn. *Eucalyptus citriodora*) **Lemon Scented Gum**

Tall, slender tree, powdery, cream to grey-pink bark, shedding in large flakes, lemon scented pendent foliage, cream-white flowers, June-Nov QLD

### *Corymbia maculata* (syn. *Eucalyptus maculata*)<sup>1</sup> **Spotted Gum**

Medium to tall tree to 40m, attractive trunk, smooth bark mottled/splotched/patched cream, pink and grey as it sheds in irregular flakes, white flowers May-Sept QLD, NSW, VIC

### *Eucalyptus acaciiformis* **Wattle-Leaved Peppermint**

Rough-barked medium tree, white flowers NSW

### *Eucalyptus accedens*<sup>1</sup> **Powder-bark Wandoo**

Small to medium tree, pink to pinkish-white, smooth, very powdery bark, blue-grey to blue-green foliage and white flowers in summer to autumn WA

### *Eucalyptus botryoides* **Bangalay**

Small to tall tree, spreading branches, thick, rough fibrous, brown to grey-brown persistent bark, dark green glossy foliage, suited to well drained soils VIC, NSW

### *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*<sup>1</sup> **River Red Gum**

Large shady tree, mid-green foliage and stout trunk, mottled bark, shedding in patches of white, brown, grey and pink, flowers white, in summer, suitable for riverbanks and creeks QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, WA, NT

### *Eucalyptus cineria*<sup>1</sup> **Argyle Apple**

Small-medium tree, silvery blue-grey foliage, rough, fibrous persistent bark on trunk and larger branches, flowers white, Jan-May NSW VIC

### *Eucalyptus cladocalyx*<sup>1</sup> **Sugar Gum**

Small to tall, shady tree, smooth bark, shedding to ground-level, producing a smooth, mottled creamy-yellow, brown and blue-grey trunk, white flowers in summer SA



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<i>Eucalyptus conferruminata</i> <sup>3</sup> <b>Bald Island Marlock</b> Small bushy tree or mallee, smooth bark and large, round yellow inflorescences	WA
<i>Eucalyptus dunnii</i> <b>Dunn's White Gum</b> Tall, smooth, pale grey to cream-barked tree with a 1m, dark rough 'stocking', cream flowers, March- May	NSW, QLD
<i>Eucalyptus forrestiana</i> <sup>3</sup> <b>Fuchsia Gum</b> Small, dainty mallet or mallee, thick, glossy green leaves, yellow flowers and bright red buds and fruit	WA
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>Tasmanian Blue Gum</b> Medium to very tall shady tree, smooth mottled bark, long narrow foliage, strongly scented, and white flowers	VIC, TAS
<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>Tuart</b> Small to tall erect tree, scabrous grey bark, large bud-caps and long, shiny, bright green leaves	WA
<i>Eucalyptus incrassata</i> <sup>3</sup> <b>Ridge-Fruited Mallee</b> Mallee, smooth grey or grey-brown - salmon pink bark, becoming loose and rough or ribbony at base, firm glossy green leaves, beaked buds, creamy white flowers Nov-Apr and ridged fruit	WA
<i>Eucalyptus kruseana</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>Bookleaf Mallee</b> Small, multi-stemmed, straggly mallee, sessile, orbicular, persistent, glaucous leaves and glaucous buds and fruit and creamy yellow flowers in winter	WA
<i>Eucalyptus laeliae</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>Darling Range Ghostgum</b> Medium to tall tree, smooth white powdery bark, turning butter yellow in autumn, long dull green leaves, and white flowers in summer	WA
<i>Eucalyptus lansdowniana</i> <sup>3</sup> <b>Crimson Mallee</b> Thin stemmed lignotuberous mallee, 2-5m, pendulous branches drooping to the ground, bark smooth, white to grey, flaky at base, long, glossy green leaves, deep crimson flowers in terminal masses and clustered along leafless sections of the branches (often confused with <i>E. albopurpurea</i> )	SA
<i>Eucalyptus lehmannii</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>Bushy Yate</b> Small mallee or large shrub, smooth pale bark, glossy green sessile leaves, bunched, horn shaped buds, large greenish-yellow inflorescences and fruit fused into tight ball, good as windbreak or ornamental	WA
<i>Eucalyptus leucoxydon</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>White Ironbark</b> Small to large tree or mallee, dark green leaves and white to deep purplish pink flowers in summer, (very variable in size and original habitat with 7 subspecies recognized)	NSW, VIC, SA
<i>Eucalyptus megacarpa</i> <sup>1</sup> <b>Bullich</b> Mallee to medium tree, white trunk and limbs, smooth bark, mottled grey and shedding in patches towards the butt, dull blue-green leaves, 'spinning top'-shaped, sessile buds and white flowers in 3's mainly in Apr-Nov	WA

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### *Eucalyptus melliodora*<sup>3</sup> **Yellow Box**

Medium tree, very variable bark, rough below, from an irregular short stocking and smooth above to grey, yellow, red-brown, fibrous but occasionally coarse and dark brown to black on most of the trunk, light green to silvery grey leaves and dainty cream or pale pink flowers, conspicuously clustered towards the tips of branchlets Sept-Feb  
VIC, NSW, QLD

### *Eucalyptus nicholii*<sup>3</sup> **Narrow-Leafed Black Peppermint**

Small to medium tree, shapely crown, rough, longitudinally furrowed, steel grey bark persistent to the small branches, small white flowers in Mar-Apr (tolerates moist swampy soils)  
NSW

### *Eucalyptus occidentalis*<sup>1</sup> **Swamp Yate, Flat Topped Yate**

Graceful medium to tall tree, fibrous grey bark, thick and rough on lower trunk; flakey or ribbony above, branches smooth white or pink, glossy, green, willow-like foliage, buds with horn shaped operculum, creamy-white flowers, excellent as shade or ornamental in sand and moist conditions  
WA

### *Eucalyptus ovata*<sup>3</sup> **Swamp Gum**

Small to medium, rarely tall, bark shedding in strips, over whitish, grey or pinkish smooth bark retained at base of trunk, glossy green foliage, white flowers in autumn, tolerant of swampy conditions  
SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Eucalyptus pauciflora*<sup>3</sup> **Snow Gum**

Small to medium tree, smooth bark often with scribbles and a twisted form, profuse white flowers in Oct-Jan (there is a number of subspecies)  
SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

### *Eucalyptus robusta*<sup>1</sup> **Swamp Mahogany**

Small to medium tree, thick, deeply divided, persistent grey-brown bark, up to its small branches, thick, glossy, discolourous, dark green foliage and white flowers May-Jul  
QLD, NSW

### *Eucalyptus wandoo*<sup>1</sup> **Wandoo**

Small to medium tree to 25m, trunk bark on young trees rough, grey to yellow-brown, on mature trees, smooth, cream, grey, creamy salmon to orange and slightly powdery, leaves dull grey-green to blue-green, buds spindle-shaped, with slim, conical caps, white flowers, Dec- May  
WA

### *Eucalyptus yarraensis*<sup>3</sup> **Yarra Gum**

Small to medium tree, brown fibrous bark persistent to the small branches, green glossy undulate leaves, white flowers in Jan  
VIC

### *Hymenosporum flavum*<sup>3</sup> **Native Frangipani**

Shrub to tall tree, dark glossy leaves and cream-yellow fragrant flowers in late spring  
NSW, QLD

### *Melaleuca cuticularis*<sup>1</sup> **Saltwater Paperbark**

Shrub or tree to 12m, white paper bark on trunk and branches, small steel grey leaves, clusters of white-cream flowers towards ends of branches, fruit crowned, Aug-Nov  
WA

# Trees

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### *Melaleuca lanceolata*<sup>3</sup> **Rottnest Teatree, Black Teatree**

Tall shrub or small tree to 8m, dense broad canopy, hard, fibrous grey-black bark, deep green or grey-green leaves, subterminal spikes of white-cream flowers Jan-Sept ,(four subspecies have been described)

WA, SA, VIC, NSW, QLD

### *Melaleuca leucadendra*<sup>3</sup> **Cadjeput, Weeping Paperbark**

Tall paperbark tree to 30m, dense canopy of pendulous branches, honey-scented, grey-green leaves and white-cream bottlebrush-like flowers in Mar-Oct

WA, NT, QLD

### *Melaleuca pressiana*<sup>3</sup> **Moonah**

Tall shrub to medium tree to 12m, beautiful lobular crown, spikes of white -cream flowers, Nov-Feb, natural in winter-wet, summer-dry swamps

WA

### *Myoporum insulare*<sup>3</sup> **Blueberry Tree**

Dense low spreading shrub to tree to 7m, leaves shiny, broad, light green, sticky when young, conspicuous white flowers with purple dots, succulent fruit, May-Feb ,(good windbreak, will grow on sand coastal dunes, limestone and acid soils)

WA, NSW, VIC, SA

### *Nuytsia floribunda*<sup>3</sup> **Christmas Tree**

Hemiparasitic tree to 10m, deep green somewhat weeping foliage, spectacular masses of orange flowers Oct-Jan

WA

# Shrubs



## Name and Description

## Natural Distribution

### *Acacia acinacea*<sup>3</sup> **Gold-Dust Wattle**

Small shrub, bright golden flowers in spring

NSW, SA, VIC

### *Acacia alata*<sup>1</sup> **Winged Wattle**

Shrub to 1m, flattened or winged stems, pink buds, white-yellow flowers in May-Dec

WA, SA

### *Acacia cyclops*<sup>1</sup> **Coastal Wattle, Red-eyed Wattle**

Tall, spreading shrub to 6m, pale yellow flowers in most months of the year, suited to coastal areas

WA, SA

### *Acacia drummondii*<sup>3</sup> **Drummond's Wattle**

Small to medium open shrub, fern-like, bi-pinnate leaves, yellow rod flowers in spring

WA

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## Name and Description

## Natural Distribution

### *Acacia howitti*<sup>3</sup> **Sticky Wattle**

Tall shrub to small tree, pendulous dark green sticky foliage and light yellow globular flower heads in spring (a prostrate form is available) VIC

### *Acacia longifolia*<sup>3</sup> **Sallow Wattle, Sydney Golden Wattle**

Rapidly growing tall shrub to small tree to 5 m, long phyllodes with several prominent veins and prominent basal gland, bright yellow, long, finger-like flower spikes in Sept-Nov, pods linear, usually contracted between the seeds, tolerates coastal conditions NSW, VIC, TAS, SA

### *Acacia mitchellii*<sup>3</sup> **Mitchell's Wattle**

Small to medium shrub, fern-like leaves and pale yellow flowers in spring and summer VIC, NSW

### *Acacia mucronata*<sup>3</sup> **Variable Sallow Wattle**

Variable shrub, profuse yellow flowers in spring SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Acacia oxycedrus*<sup>3</sup> **Spike Wattle**

Prickly, dense shrub, flowers in cream spikes in winter and spring SA, VIC, NSW

### *Acacia pulchella*<sup>1</sup> **Prickly Moses**

Small prickly shrub to 2m, fern-like leaves and globular, golden yellow flowers in spring WA

### *Acacia suaveolens*<sup>3</sup> **Sweet Scented Wattle**

Straggly shrub, cream flowers in winter and early spring SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

### *Acacia terminalis*<sup>3</sup> **Sunshine Wattle**

Medium-tall shrub or tree, fern-like foliage, bright yellow flowers in early summer NSW, ACT, VIC TAS

### *Acacia urophylla*<sup>3</sup>

Evergreen medium to tall, open shrub to 3m, ribbed asymmetrical, net-veined, pointed, elliptic leaves and cream or yellow flowers winter-spring WA

### *Acaena echinata*<sup>3</sup> **Sheep's Burr**

Perennial herb, white flowers in early summer WA, SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Allocasuarina humilis*<sup>1</sup> **Dwarf Sheoak**

Erect or spreading shrub, 0.2-2 m, red flowers May- November and cylindrical cones, monoecious or dioecious WA

### *Astartea fascicularis*<sup>1</sup>

Erect shrub to 7m, white tea-tree like flowers over a long period, (now divided into 8 separate species) WA

### *Astartea heteranthera*<sup>3</sup>

Small green shrub, small heath-like leaves and pale pink flowers in winter WA

### *Astroloma humifusum*<sup>3</sup> **Native Cranberry**

Mat-forming shrub, red tubular flowers all year SA, VIC, NSW, TAS



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## Name and Description

## Natural Distribution

### *Baeckea camphorosmae*<sup>3</sup> **Camphor Myrtle**

Prostrate to scraggily or slender erect drought resistant shrub ( 0.2-1m), small clustered leaves, pink to white flowers, in axillary clusters, each on a short stalk. May-Dec (cut flowers long-lasting) WA

### *Baeckea linifolia*<sup>3</sup> **Swamp Baeckea**

Medium shrub, narrow leaves and star-shaped white flowers in summer NSW, QLD, VIC

### *Baeckea virgata*<sup>3</sup> **Twiggy Heath Myrtle**

Tall shrub, small leaves and small white flowers in spring or summer VIC, NSW, QLD, NT

### *Banksia robur*<sup>1</sup> **Swamp Banksia**

Robust, large glossy leaved, lignotuberous, woody shrub to 3m, new growth velvety brown, flowers metallic bronze green in bud, opening golden yellow in Jan-July QLD, NSW

### *Banksia spinulosa*<sup>1</sup> **Hairpin Banksia**

Shrub to 3m, narrow leaves with margins curled under and cylindrical cones of yellow/bronze flowers with hooked yellow, orange to maroon styles, Apr-Jul QLD, NSW, VIC

### *Boronia crenulata*<sup>1</sup> **Aniseed Boronia**

Shrub to 1m, deep green, leathery-foliage, small pink, 4-petalled. terminal or axillary flowers, in winter to early summer WA

### *Bossiaea webii*<sup>1</sup>

Erect shrub 4 m, broad, almost semi-circular, minutely toothed, opposite leaves, yellow red to brown flowers Jul-Nov WA

### *Bursaria spinosa*<sup>3</sup> **Blackthorn**

Erect, prickly shrub, sweetly scented cream flowers in midsummer SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

### *Callistemon citrinus*<sup>3</sup> **Crimson Bottlebrush**

Medium to tall shrub, dark green foliage and bright red bottlebrush flowers in summer NSW, VIC, QLD

### *Callistemon pallidus*<sup>3</sup> **Lemon Bottlebrush**

Medium shrub, attractive foliage and lemon bottlebrush flowers QLD, NSW, VIC

### *Calothamnus quadrifidus*<sup>1</sup> **One-sided Bottlebrush**

Variable, medium shrub, attractive bright green or grey-green leaves and one-sided, bright red bottlebrush flowers with 4 staminal bundles in late winter and spring, fruit with only 2 sepals persisting WA

### *Calothamnus sanguineus*<sup>1</sup> **Silky-leaved Blood Flower**

Small shrub, crowded leaves and deep red flowers with one staminal bundle and two side bundles, usually reduced to single sterile stamens, autumn to spring WA

### *Darwinia citriodora*<sup>3</sup> **Lemon Scented Darwinia**

Small compact shrub, 0.2-1m or more, lemon scented leaves and attractive, unusual small flowers with protruding styles, in terminal heads surrounded by stiff, waxy red and yellow bracts WA



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### *Darwinia leiostyla*<sup>1</sup>

Beautiful small, erect evergreen shrub, 0.3-1.5m, pendant deep pink to scarlet and white bell shaped flowers Jul to Dec WA

### *Dodonaea viscosa*<sup>1</sup> **Sticky Hop-Bush**

Medium-tall shrub or small tree to 4m, sticky green, linear leaves, flowers green to yellow, in terminal clusters and large, 3 or 4 winged 'hop-like' fruits, yellow or pink, turning deep red when ripe All states

### *Eucalyptus preissiana*<sup>1</sup> **Bell-Fruited Mallee**

Medium to tall straggly shrub to 2m, large, thick, dull green, more or less opposite leaves, abundant large yellow flowers in 3's, Jun-Nov and sculptural fruits, (grows closer to the sea than any other eucalypt) WA

### *Gompholobium tomentosum*<sup>3</sup> **Hairy Yellow Pea**

Erect shrub; 0.3-1m, leaves with stipules, linear pinnate leaflets usually 5-7(9), yellow flowers Jul-Jan WA

### *Grevillea asplenifolia*<sup>3</sup> **Fern-Like Grevillea**

Spreading shrub to 5m, long narrow leaves and rich burgundy toothbrush inflorescences July-Nov, fruit striped or blotched NSW

### *Grevillea banksii*<sup>3</sup> **Red Silky Oak, Banks' Grevillea**

Variable shrub to small tree, large, deeply pinnate dark green fern-like leaves and deep red, (occasionally pink or cream) cylindrical flower spikes QLD

### *Grevillea* 'Clearview David'

Floriferous, quick growing, erect to spreading medium shrub, terminal racemes of crimson flowers on short branchlets along its branches.

### *Grevillea hookeriana*<sup>3</sup> **Black Toothbrushes**

Medium to tall shrub to 2m, narrowly segmented leaves and yellow to grey or pink toothbrush inflorescences, Jul to Apr WA

### *Grevillea* 'Ivanhoe'<sup>3</sup>

Medium to tall shrub 3-5m, terminal pink-red toothbrush flowers chiefly on the ends of branchlets, mainly May to Jul, also Feb

### *Grevillea lanigera*<sup>3</sup> **Woolly Grevillea**

Spreading, prostrate shrub to 1.5m, hairy, rounded leaves, lime green buds changing to dusky pink, to dark red flowers with a red style in late winter to spring NSW, VIC

### *Grevillea longifolia* **Long-leaved Grevillea**

Dense shrub to 3m+, attractive foliage and lovely pink to red toothbrush flowers in spring, fruit red striped or blotched NSW

### *Grevillea rosmarinifolia* **Rosemary Grevillea**<sup>3</sup>

Dwarf to medium, spreading shrub 1-5m, narrow green pointed leaves and pink and cream flowers, often profuse and conspicuous, mainly May-Nov NSW, VIC

### *Grevillea synapheae*<sup>3</sup> **Catkin Grevillea**

Prostrate to erect shrub, 1m+, large entire, or variously lobed leaves and terminal catkins of densely packed small creamy yellow flowers, late winter to early spring, fruit rough and hairless WA

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*Hakea decurrens*<sup>3</sup> **Bushy Needlewood, Silky Hakea, (syn *H. sericea*)**  
Erect, prickly lignotuberous shrub, 1-4m, pungent needle-like, spreading leaves and profuse, heavily perfumed white or pink flower in Jun -> Sept. SA, VIC, NSW



*Hakea lissocarpha*<sup>3</sup> **Honey Bush**  
Erect to sprawling shrub, 0.4-(1.5)3m, intricately branched, deeply divided leaves (3-15 spine-tipped, needle-like segments), flowers, white, creamy-yellow or pink, in axillary clusters Jul-Oct WA.

*Hakea petiolaris*<sup>3</sup> **Sea Urchin Hakea**  
Tall shrub to 5m, attractive, large, elliptical, blue-green leaves with net-venation and large spherical, cream, maturing mauve pincushion inflorescences mostly in autumn WA

*Hakea salicifolia*<sup>3</sup> **Willow-leaved Hakea**  
Tall shrub or small tree to 5m, attractive peeling brown bark, light green, narrowly elliptical to lanceolate leaves, and small white flowers in axillary clusters, Aug-Nov QLD, NSW

*Hakea scoparia*<sup>3</sup>  
Many stemmed, broom-like, erect evergreen shrub, (3)2-4 m, terete, sharply pointed, long, straight or sinuous leaves, pale pink flowers in spherical axillary clusters along the stems, May-> Sept WA

*Hakea ulicina*<sup>3</sup> **Furze Hakea**  
Erect shrub to 4m+, long narrow, linear leaves, and clusters of creamy white flowers in late winter to early spring VIC, NSW, TAS

*Hemiandra pungens*<sup>3</sup> **Snake Bush**  
Hardy, drought-resistant shrub or prostrate ground-cover to 4m diam, abundant lilac flowers Sept-May, (for full sun, but some variants will also grow in full shade) WA

*Hypericum gramineum*<sup>3</sup> **Small St John's Wort**  
Erect perennial herb, 0.1-0.5m, yellow flowers Jan-Dec All states

*Lambertia formosa*<sup>1</sup> **Mountain Devil**  
Lignotuberous, upright shrub 1-2.5m, pungent, broadly linear leaves, red tubular flowers in clumps of 7 at tips of branches, surrounded by reddish-green bracts, mainly Sept-Jan, fruit, shortly beaked with 2 long dorsal horns NSW

*Lechenaultia biloba*<sup>3</sup> **Blue Lechenaultia**  
Small shrub to 1m, fine foliage, flowers pale to dark blue, rarely white, petals with broad and pointed wings in late winter to late spring WA

*Leptospermum continentale*<sup>3</sup> **Prickly Teatree**  
Variable shrub, white flowers in spring and summer SA, VIC, NSW, QLD

*Leptospermum myrsinoides*<sup>3</sup> **Heath Teatree, Silky Tea-tree**  
Erect shrub 1-4m, young growth silky haired, profuse and often conspicuous white or pink flowers in spring and summer SA, VIC, NSW

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### *Leptospermum scoparium*<sup>3</sup> **Manuka**

Drought-resistant, prickly shrub, white to pale pink flowers, often profuse and conspicuous, sweetly fragrant, in spring and summer

VIC, NSW, TAS,

### *Melaleuca armillaris*<sup>3</sup> **Bracelet Honey Myrtle**

Medium spreading shrub or small tree, narrow dark green leaves, pink to red buds and white, rarely mauve bottlebrush flowers

NSW, VIC.

### *Melaleuca decussata*<sup>3</sup> **Cross Leafed Honey Myrtle**

Medium- tall shrub 2-6m, small narrow leaves and small mauve-pink to violet bottlebrush flowers in spring and summer

SA, VIC

### *Melaleuca diosmifolia*<sup>3</sup> (**Scarlet Honey Myrtle**)

Medium to large, dense bushy shrub, very handsome foliage and large, almost terminal, viridian green, bottlebrush flowers in spring and summer, cut foliage and flowers long lasting

WA

### *Melaleuca ericifolia*<sup>3</sup> **Swamp Paperbark**

Tall shrub or small tree, bushy canopy, white paperbark trunk and white to cream, scented terminal, cylindrical to ovoid flower heads

NSW, VIC, TAS

### *Melaleuca nesophila*<sup>3</sup> **Mindiyed**

Tall shrub to small tree 2-6m, papery bark, oval grey-green leaves and mauve-pink 'bobble' flowerheads, often profuse and conspicuous, in spring to Jan, (withstands exposure to coastal conditions)

WA

### *Melaleuca pentagona*<sup>3</sup>

Dwarf to medium shrub, needle-like leaves and globular heads of bright pinkish purple flowers in Oct/Nov, (also a prostrate form)

WA

### *Melaleuca pulchella*<sup>3</sup> **Claw Honey-myrtle**

Dwarf to medium, spreading shrub 0.5-2.5m, small alternate leaves and pink to mauve 'claw' flowers, Oct-Mar, (cut flowers last well)

WA

### *Melaleuca spathulata*<sup>3</sup>

Small, compact shrub 1-2m, soft, hairy young growth, small spoon-shaped leaves and profuse, globular, deep pink to purplish flowerheads, Sept – Nov

WA

### *Melaleuca squarrosa*<sup>3</sup> **Scented Paperbark**

Tall shrub or small bushy tree 4-12m, papery bark, bright green new growth, ornamental foliage and profuse, showy, cream to yellowish, perfumed, terminal flowerheads in spring and summer

SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Melaleuca violacea*<sup>3</sup>

Dwarf to small shrub, 0.3-1.6m, usually flat-topped, small attractive sessile, opposite, ovate-cordate leaves and violet flowers Sept-Dec

WA

### *Melaleuca wilsonii*<sup>3</sup> **Violet Honey Myrtle**

Low to medium spreading shrub 1-3m, hairy young growth, narrow deep green, glandular leaves and reddish-pink profuse and very conspicuous mass display of flowerheads in lateral clusters of 2-5 flowers along the stems, Aug-Nov

VIC, SA

# Shrubs

## Name and Description

## Natural Distribution

### *Mirbelia dilatata*<sup>3</sup> **Holly-leaved Mirbelia**

Erect, medium shrub to 3m, whorls of spikey fan-shaped, leathery leaves and pea-like, dark pink to purple flowers, with a yellow eye in terminal clusters, in spring and summer, fruit a turgid stalked pod WA

### *Opercularia varia*<sup>3</sup> **Variable Stinkweed**

Insignificant dwarf perennial herb, 0.1-0.3m, small green to purplish flowers in winter and spring SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Pelargonium australe*<sup>3</sup> **Wild Geranium**

Dwarf perennial herb, spreading, ascending hairy branches, fragrant, when crushed, 'Geranium' leaves, flowerheads 4-12 pink flowers with purplish markings in autumn and spring WA, SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

### *Pelargonium rodneyanum*<sup>3</sup> **Magenta Storkbill**

Showy dwarf perennial herb, ascending hairy stems, flowerheads with 2-7 deep pink to magenta flowers on long slender stalks in spring to autumn SA, VIC, NSW

### *Philotheca spicata* (syn. *Eriostemon spicatus*)<sup>3</sup> **Salt and Pepper**

Small slender shrub to 0.6m, small leaves and elongated terminal spikes of mauve, pink, blue or white flowers in winter and spring WA

### *Phyllanthus calycinus*<sup>3</sup> **False Boronia**

Slender, erect, monoecious or dioecious shrub, 0.2-1m, nodding, creamy white to pale green flowers in late winter and spring WA, SA

### *Phyllota humilis*<sup>3</sup>

Erect, multistemmed shrub, yellow pea flowers in spring WA

### *Rhytidosporum procumbens*<sup>3</sup> **White Marianth**

Dwarf to prostrate shrub, 0.1-0.5m, hairy young growth, deep green leaves and creamy-white flowers in spring SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Sphaerolobium vimineum*<sup>3</sup> **Leafless Globe Pea**

Erect, leafless, slender, multistemmed shrub to 1m, terminal inflorescences of orange to red, or yellow and red flowers in spring All states except NT

### *Viminaria juncea*<sup>1</sup> **Swishbush**

Slender, erect, often weeping shrub to 5m, rush-like branches and leaves mostly reduced to slender phyllodes, elongated terminal inflorescences of yellow and orange to red-brown, pea flowers in spring and summer WA, SA, VIC, NSW, QLD

# Grasses, groundcovers and climbers



## Name and Description

## Natural Distribution

### *Adiantum aethiopicum*<sup>3</sup> **Common Maidenhair**

Rhizomatous perennial fern, much-divided pale green fronds on shiny reddish-brown stalks

All states

### *Anigozanthos flavidus*<sup>1</sup> **Tall Kangaroo Paw**

Evergreen perennial herb to 3m, flattened, glossy, linear leaves and tall spikes of green, yellow or red flowers in spring and summer

WA

### *Anigozanthos manglesii*<sup>1</sup> **Mangles' Kangaroo Paw**

Large herb to 1.1m, green grass-like foliage and tall, usually unbranched spikes of hairy, scarlet and viridian green flowers in late winter and spring

WA

### *Anigozanthos rufus*<sup>1</sup> **Red Kangaroo Paw**

Clumping, evergreen perennial, broad, deep green, grass-like leaves, and spikes to 1.5m of deep-red hairy flowers in spring and summer

WA

### *Austrostipa mollis*<sup>3</sup>

Tufted perennial grass, flowering in spring

WA, SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Chamaescilla corymbosa*<sup>3</sup> **Blue Squill**

Tuberous, perennial rosette to 15cm, sky-blue flowers from late winter to early summer

WA, SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Conostylis aculeata*<sup>3</sup> **Prickly Conostylis**

Low growing, clumping perennial to 0.4m, leaves with erect spines on margins, dense heads of small, 1cm long, yellow flowers in spring-summer

WA

### *Cymbonotus preissianus*<sup>3</sup> **Austral Bear's Ear**

Stemless perennial herb, yellow flowers

SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

### *Gahnia radula*<sup>3</sup> **Thatch Saw Sedge**

Perennial, clumping (rhizomatous) sedge, deep green, rough, sharp-edged leaves, dark brown panicles to 60cm, flowers cream, nuts dark brown to black

QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS, SA

### *Gahnia sieberiana*<sup>3</sup> **Red Fruit Saw-Sedge**

Clumping perennial herb, slender culms to 3m, upright to spreading and pendulous panicle, pale brown spikelets, cream flowers and red-brown, shiny nuts

QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS, SA

### *Gonocarpus tetragynus*<sup>3</sup> **Common Raspwort**

Perennial herb, red to green flowers in spring and early summer

SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

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### Name and Description

### Natural Distribution

*Goodenia geniculata*<sup>3</sup> **Bent Goodenia**  
Perennial, yellow flowers in spring and summer SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

*Grevillea banksii* 'Ruby Rea' **Prostrate Grevillea**  
Hardy prostrate ground-cover, grey-green fern-like leaves, brilliant, blood-red flowers over a long period, (may be a standard grafted onto *Grevillea robusta* stock) QLD



*Hardenbergia comptoniana*<sup>3</sup> **Native Wisteria**  
Climber, leaves with 3 or 5 large leaflets, spikes of blue pea-shaped flowers in winter and spring WA

*Hardenbergia violacea*<sup>3</sup> **'Happy Wanderer'**  
Vigorous cultivar, large, simple, spoon-shaped deep green leaves, profuse and conspicuous axillary panicles of lilac-purple, pea-shaped flowers July-Nov NSW, VIC, TAS, SA QLD

*Juncus australis*<sup>3</sup> **Austral Rush**  
Rhizomatous, tussocky rush, with a short creeping rhizome, stems to about 1.2m and red-brown flower heads throughout the year SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

*Kennedia coccinea*<sup>3</sup> **Coral Vine**  
Perennial climber or trailing creeper, 5-20 coral-red pea shaped flowers in dense clusters on long stalks in late winter to early summer WA

*Kennedia prostrata*<sup>3</sup> **Scarlet Runner, Running Postman**  
Native evergreen ground creeper, large, scarlet pea-shaped flowers in winter and spring WA, SA, NSW, VIC, TAS

*Lepidosperma concavum*<sup>3</sup> **Sandhill Sword-Sedge**  
Perennial, clumping, rhizomatous sedge, 0.3-0.7m, yellow-brown flower heads throughout the year SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

*Lepidosperma laterale* **Variable Sword-Sedge**  
Perennial, clumping sedge, 0.4-1.5m, brown flower heads throughout the year SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

*Lomandra confertifolia* **Mat-Rush**  
Perennial herb, forming an open tussock 0.5-0.7m, dense lime-green grass-like foliage and small cream to yellow flower spikes in spring and summer QLD

*Lomandra filiformis*<sup>3</sup> **Wattle Mat-Rush**  
Perennial tussock plant 0.1-0.4m, yellow flower spikes in Oct-Dec VIC, NSW, QLD

*Macropidia fuliginosa*<sup>1</sup> **Black Kangaroo Paw**  
Rhizomatous, perennial herb 0.2-1.8m, spikes of viridian green and black flowers Aug-Dec WA

*Microseris scapigera*<sup>3</sup> **Yam**  
Erect tuberous, perennial herb, 0.15-0.8m, dormant over summer, yellow dandelion-type flowers in spring WA, SA, VIC, NSW, TAS

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### Name and Description

### Natural Distribution

*Orthrosanthus laxus*<sup>3</sup> **Morning Iris**

Perennial clumping herb to 0.6m, linear, flat, grass-like leaves, inflorescence usually branched, with stalkless clusters of blue flowers, in winter and spring

WA

*Poa ensiformis*<sup>3</sup> **Purple-Sheath Tussock Grass**

Perennial, rhizomatous, tufted grass, thin strap-like leaves, flowering Oct - Mar

NSW, VIC, ACT

*Poa poiformis*<sup>3</sup> **Coastal Poa**

Perennial grass, to 0.9m, enjoys sandy coastal environments, flowers spring and summer

TAS, NSW, WA, VIC, SA

*Poa sieberiana*<sup>3</sup> **Grey Tussock-Grass**

Small, dense tussock grass, flowers most of the year

SA, VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS

*Veronica gracilis*<sup>3</sup> **Slender Speedwell**

Light green groundcover, many small blue flowers in spring

SA, VIC, NSW, TAS





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