










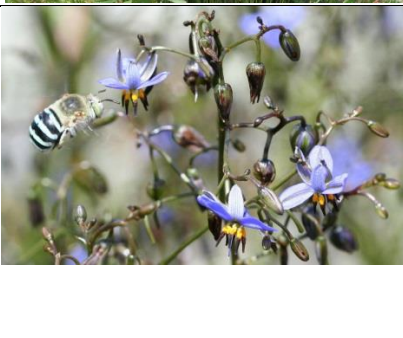













**Sustainable Living Mt Barker – Local Indigenous Plant Packs 2018**  
**Species descriptions. Packs contain a selection of 20 from the following species.**

Plant name	Photo	Description (on reverse side of label)
<p><i>Acacia acinacea</i> Gold Dust Wattle</p>		<p>Small shrub to 2.5m. Abundant yellow flowers in late winter/spring.                      Uses: Background shrub in mixed plantings, wind-break or low screen.                      Bird and butterfly attracting.</p>
<p><i>Acacia myrtifolia</i> Myrtle Wattle</p>		<p>Small shrub to 2.5m. Abundant yellow flowers in winter/spring.                      Uses: Suitable for areas of low maintenance, roadside verges, road batters and wide median strips as a barrier, wind-break or erosion control.                      Requires well-drained soils, fast growing.                      Bird and insect attracting.</p>
<p><i>Allocasuarina muelleriana</i> Bull Oak</p>		<p>Medium shrub to 2.5m. Ideal for informal screening.                      Uses: A fast growing medium shrub suitable for an informal hedge or screen in wider nature strips, parks, and reserves or planted singly in mixed native landscapes. Foliage has a rusty tinge at flowering. Requires well-drained soils. Food source and habitat for birds.</p>
<p><i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i> Drooping Sheoak</p>		<p>Medium tree to 15m. Long lived. Shade. Windbreak.                      Uses: Ornamental species for shade or shelter in streetscapes, reserves and parks. Planted en-mass an effective screen. Tolerant of coastal locations.                      Food source and habitat for birds.</p>
<p><i>Billardiera cymosa</i> Sweet Apple Berry</p>		<p>Light climber with mauve flowers and edible berries.                      Uses: A non aggressive climber for parks and reserves, useful over fences or embankments amongst native vegetation. Will become shrubby if planted in open situations. Low allergen plant with decorative flowers.</p>
<p><i>Bursaria spinosa</i> Christmas Bush</p>		<p>Medium shrub to 3m. Cream flowers around Christmas. Suits most sites.                      Uses: As a hardy ornamental feature tree, informal hedge, screen or barrier in low traffic areas due to its prickly foliage.                      Responds to pruning.                      Butterfly attracting.</p>







<p><i>Callistemon rugulosus</i> Scarlet Bottlebrush</p>		<p>Large shrub to 3m x 3m Scarlet bottlebrush flowers. Uses: In verges, median streets, parks and reserves. Planted singly as a colourful background in mixed plantings or en-mass as a barrier or informal hedge. Prune after flowering for dense habit. Requires well-drained soils. Attracts nectar eating birds and insects.</p>
<p><i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i> Common Everlasting</p>		<p>Spreading herb to 30cm. Golden everlasting flowers. Hardy. Uses: Perennial herb for mixed native landscapes, parks and reserves. Suitable for mass planting or informal drifts, spreads by suckering. Profuse flowering, requires well-drained soils. Attracts native butterflies and insects, caterpillar food plant.</p>
<p><i>Correa glabra</i> Native Fuchsia / Rock Correa</p>		<p>Glabrous shrub to 2.5m. Red bell flowers in Winter. Uses: Planted singly as an ornamental in mixed plantings, grouped as an understorey or as a low informal hedge. Flowers may be pale green, green, golden or pink to red. Attracts nectar eating native birds.</p>
<p><i>Cullen Australasicum</i> Native Scurf Pea</p>		<p>Medium sized ground layer plant to 0.5m attractive purple pea flowers over winter to spring. Butterfly attracting. Uses: A fast growing perennial for native landscaping, parks and reserves in rocky sites. Important food source for the larvae of migratory Swallowtail butterflies.</p>
<p><i>Cyperus gymnocaulos</i> Spiny Sedge.</p>		<p>Tussock - forming perennial to 1m with attractive foliage suited to moist soils. Basket weaving and feature plant Uses: As a ornamental sedge for ponds, wetlands and watercourses. Bank stabilizer, can only be grown in wet soils or shallow water. Food source and habitat for native birds and frogs.</p>
<p><i>Dianella revoluta</i> Black Anther Flax Lilly</p>		<p>Fast growing, low maintenance once established. Very attractive form / spreading habit. Uses: Planted singly or in groups for mixed landscapes. Can be used as a feature, or mass planted, in borders, verges, median strips and roundabouts. Extremely hardy and variable. Good under story plant in sparse or thicker tree plantings. Requires well-drained soils. Attracts native birds and insects.</p>








<p><i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> ssp <i>spatulata</i> Sicky Hop Bush</p>		<p>Fast growing medium shrub to 2-3m with showy flowers and seed capsules. Hardy in most soils. Full sun to shade. Uses: A fast growing ornamental foliage plant. Suitable for parks, reserves and wider roadside plantings, effective wind-break in dry areas. Responds to pruning. Decorative coloured fruits.</p>
<p><i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> Ruby Saltbush</p>		<p>Hardy contrasting small prostrate ground cover to 0.5m with edible berries. Uses: Extremely hardy low shrub or ground cover for areas of neglect. Produces yellow, to dark red fruits eaten by native birds, lizards and small native mammals. Berries change colour as they mature which creates additional ornamental interest. Requires well-drained soils. Responds to pruning.</p>
<p><i>Ficinia nodosa</i> Knobby Club Rush</p>		<p>Rush to 1m. Very hardy accent plant. Does well in riparian areas and sand dunes. Good for erosion control. Uses: Planted singly or in groups for mixed landscapes as a feature, or mass planted, in borders or verges. Extremely hardy. Tolerant of calcareous soils. Fast growing.</p>
<p><i>Goodenia ovata</i> Hop Goodenia</p>		<p>Fast growing shrub to 2m. Yellow flowers all year. Riparian areas and floodplain soils. Uses: Highly ornamental for more open locations, wider verges, median strips, parks and reserves. Planted singly as a colourful background in mixed plantings or en-mass as a barrier or informal hedge. Can become straggly, responds to pruning. Attracts native butterflies and insects, caterpillar food plant.</p>
<p><i>Hakea rostrata</i> Beaked Hakea</p>		<p>Shrub to 3m. Dense foliage. Good bird refuge. Cream flowers. Uses: Suitable for parks, reserves, wider roadside plantings, and batters. As an informal hedge, screen or barrier in low traffic areas due to its prickly foliage. Fragrant. Bird attracting, food and habitat and refuge. Lizard refuge. Requires well-drained soils.</p>
<p><i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> Native Wisteria</p>		<p>Climber or small shrub to 2-3m. Mauve flowers in winter. Hardy. Uses: A vigorous small shrub or climber, plant singly in mixed beds, wider verges and roundabouts, mass plants an effective ground or fence cover. Responds to hard pruning to improve shape and form. Can be trained to climb. Attracts native butterflies, caterpillar food source.</p>

<p><i>Kennedia prostrata</i> Running Postman</p>		<p>Groundcover with 2m spread. Red pea flowers in winter. Uses: Ornamental creeper in amongst mixed natives on slight slopes and embankments. Suitable for open landscapes, parks and reserves. Requires well-drained soils. Can die back to woody rootstock and reshoot when times are favourable. Attracts native butterflies, caterpillar food source.</p>
<p><i>Lomandra multiflora</i></p>		<p>Tussock forming hardy mat-rush with stiff foliage and contrasting colours. Uses: A ground cover for small areas of low traffic due to mature prickly growth. Suitable for soil control on embankments and raised beds where there is some shade. Responds well to hard pruning. Hardy over extended dry periods and tolerant of a wide range of soils. Attracts native butterflies, caterpillar food plant.</p>
<p><i>Melaleuca brevifolia</i> Mallee Honey Myrtle</p>		<p>Medium shrub to 3m with cream flowers. Salt tolerant. Good screen. Riparian areas. Uses: Hardy shade or shelter tree for wide streetscapes reserves and parks. Planted en-mass makes an effective wind-break or screen. Tolerant of moderately saline sites and periods of flooding. Food source and refuge for native birds.</p>
<p><i>Melaleuca decussata</i> Totem Poles</p>		<p>Medium shrub to 2m with mauve flowers in winter to spring. Adaptable to most soils. Uses: Small Melaleuca with lovely mauve-purple flowers in spring and summer. Can be clipped and maintained as a hedge or grown as a screen. Tolerates most well drained soils.</p>
<p><i>Mentha australis</i> River Mint</p>		<p>Native mint ideal for wet areas, gardens and pots. White flowers in summer. 0.5m tall. Uses: Good plant for growing in containers. Foliage contains a strongly aromatic oil. It's peppermint taste has been used as a garnish for food and drinks, and indigenous peoples have used a boiled extract for the treatment of colds. Rejuvenate plants by heavy pruning.</p>



<p><i>Mentha diemenica</i> Native Peppermint</p>		<p>Native peppermint with spreading habit to 20cm high. Spreads as groundcover via stolons. Higher rainfall sites. Uses: Good plant for growing in containers. Foliage contains a strongly aromatic oil. It's peppermint taste has been used as a garnish for food and drinks, and indigenous peoples have used a boiled extract for the treatment of colds. Rejuvenate plants by heavy pruning.</p>
<p><i>Microlaena stipoides</i> Weeping Rice Grass</p>		<p>Weeping grass to 30cm. Ideal lawn substitute or rockery plant. Suits most soils. Uses: Slender perennial grass for mixed native plantings or grouped as an understory planting. Potential to replace exotic grasses in amenity plantings, roadsides and parks. Attracts native butterflies, caterpillar food plant. Moderate tolerance to herbicides.</p>
<p><i>Olearia ramulosa</i> Twiggy Daisy Bush</p>		<p>Small shrub to 2m. Silver aromatic foliage. Uses: Planted singly as an ornamental under shrub planting in semi shaded areas or grouped as a low hedge. Prefers well-drained soils. Responds to pruning. Attracts butterflies and native insects.</p>
<p><i>Patersonia occidentalis</i> Purple Flag</p>		<p>Sedge with blue-grey foliage and striking purple flowers. Uses: Small Iris like ornamental with blue to purple flowers in spring through summer. Use in borders or as a contrast plant. Frost hardy and can withstand dry conditions.</p>
<p><i>Poa labillardieri</i> Tussock Grass</p>		<p>Tussock grass to 0.5m with green foliage and attractive seed heads. Uses: An ornamental tufting perennial for mixed native landscapes, borders, and wider verges. Mass plant for effect. Rejuvenate by shearing to just above ground level during late winter, early spring. Attracts native butterflies, larval food source. Food source and habitat for small birds and lizards.</p>
<p><i>Pultenaea largiflorens</i> Twiggy Bush Pea</p>		<p>Small shrub with yellow to orange flowers in spring. Uses: Specimen or feature plant in amongst mixed species in native landscapes, rockeries, borders, parks and reserves. Attracts native butterflies, caterpillar food plant. Requires well-drained soils. Prune if required.</p>

<p><i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i> Wallaby Grass</p>		<p>Tussock grass to 30cm. Attractive white tops. Suits most soils. Uses: A tussock grass for native landscapes, parks and reserves. For rockeries, borders, fill-ins or planted en-mass. Thrives in poor soils and areas of neglect. Seed source for native birds. Caterpillar food plant for native butterfly species.</p>
<p><i>Scaevola albida</i> Fan flower or Hand Flower</p>		<p>Groundcover with white, pink or blue flowers in winter and spring. Uses: As an ornamental foreground or undershrub planting in semi shaded areas. Planted en-mass for erosion and weed control in borders, verges, raised beds and rockeries. Requires well-drained soils. Responds to pruning. Attracts native butterflies and insects, caterpillar food plant.</p>
<p><i>Swainsona lessertiifolia</i> Swainson Pea</p>		<p>Small shrub to 60cm high. Purple pea flowers winter to spring. Uses: Prune well after flowering. Suited to warm well drained positions in garden.</p>
<p><i>Vittadinia cuneata</i> New Holland Daisy</p>		<p>Small herb to 30cm tall. Blue flowers and attractive seed heads ideal cottage garden plant. Uses: A hardy perennial self seeding herb for borders, verges and roundabouts mass planted as an understory or in drifts in native landscapes. Requires well-drained soils</p>
<p><i>Wahlenbergia stricta</i> Native Bluebell</p>		<p>Small perennial herb to 50cm with showy blue bell flowers in spring to autumn. Uses: Ideal for massed displays, in median strips, streetscapes or grouped in native landscapes, borders and mixed beds. Butterfly attracting.</p>
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