

Plants suitable for growing in the Surf Coast Shire

SHRUBS

Musky Daisy Bush

Olearia argophylla
Shrub or small tree to 5m. Small white flowers in florets Sept-April. Moist conditions.



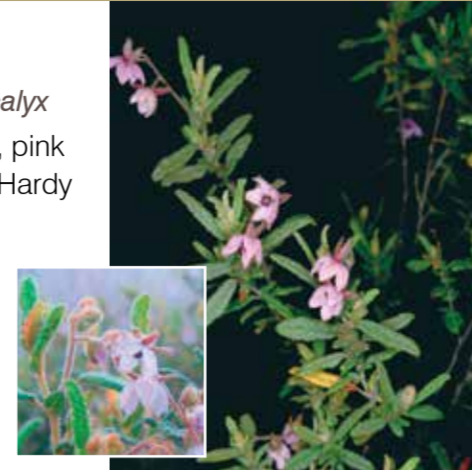
Dusty Daisy Bush

Olearia phlogopappa
Small shrub 2.5m. Daisy white, blue or mauve flowers Oct-March. Likes semi shade, well drained acidic soils and pruning.



Paper flower

Thomasia petalocalyx
Small hairy shrub, pink flowers Oct-Dec. Hardy dry, salt tolerant.



About this guide

The guide will assist you in choosing indigenous plants that are suitable for use in local urban landscapes. These plants have been chosen as they are hardy, drought resistant, easy to grow and available most of the time from within our community.

Many of these plants attract and shelter local birds and animals, and the use of these plants can result in a beautifully environmentally friendly garden.

The selection of species identified represents a small proportion of the indigenous species found in the Surf Coast Shire. For further information on local indigenous species contact:

Surf Coast Shire Council

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Publications available at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au include:

- Indigenous Planting Guide - Rural and Urban Coastal
- Landscaping your Surf Coast garden for bushfire.

Otways Indigenous Nursery

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McGain's Nursery

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West Coast Indigenous Nursery

Providence material for Bellarine Peninsula & Torquay region including Bellbrae and Freshwater Creek.

By appointment only
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ANGAIR

Plants are available at the ANGAIR Wildflower Show, the Easter Anglesea Riverbank market and the Aireys Inlet School Fair. ANGAIR members can obtain plants from the ANGAIR propagating group on open days as advertised in the ANGAIR newsletter.

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Snowy Daisy Bush

Olearia lirata
Medium shrub 2m. Profuse clusters of white flowers Aug-Jan. Likes moist, shaded, well drained habitats and pruning.



Dusty Miller

Spyridium parvifolium
Medium open shrub to 3m. White flowers Sept-Nov. Tolerates most habitats. Needs drainage.

Other trees and shrubs not pictured include:

Forze Hakea

Hakea ulicina
Shrub to 2m. Small white to pink flowers in clusters, Oct-Nov. Coastal and salt tolerant.

Medium-Tall shrub 3m. Creamy, scented flowers Aug-Nov. Tolerates most habitats. Understorey. Pruning helps.

Tree Everlasting

Olearia ferrugineus
Open shrub to 3m. Small white flowers in large clusters, Nov to Feb. Requires moist soil and full sun. Sensitive to dry conditions.

Hazel Pomaderris

Pomaderris asper
Fast growing shrub to 3m. Pale flowers in large clusters Nov-Feb. Coastal and salt tolerant. Moist soil, semi shade, sensitive to dry conditions.

Coastal Pomaderris

Pomaderris paniculosa

Small dense tree pale green leaves Flowers white with purple dots May-Nov Tolerant of moist soils Sun to semi shade. Fire retardant . Drought resistant.

Common Hovea

Hovea heterophylla
Small shrub 3m. Bluish purple flowers Aug-Nov. Tolerates free-draining soils, shade or sun. Pruning helps.

Silver Banksia

Banksia marginata
A hardy plant most soils not water logged Flowers Yellow spikes Sept-April Coastal [See picture on the front page].

Common Boobialla

Myoporum insulare
Small dense tree pale green leaves Flowers white with purple dots May-Nov Tolerant of moist soils Sun to semi shade. Fire retardant . Drought resistant.

Pt Roadnight Heathland

Plant For Weed Exchange

During the year, a free Plant for Weed Exchange takes place in the Surf Coast Shire at the Easter Anglesea Riverbank Market, Aireys Inlet School Fair and at the ANGAIR Wildflower Show. Bring a complete weed and you get a free plant. A maximum of 5 applies.

Identify your weeds

Weeds are a threat to our native vegetation but can also significantly increase bushfire risk by adding to fuel loads around your home and contributing to a fire's intensity. Refer to 'Weeds of the Surf Coast Shire' or the 'Top 20 Weeds' publications available at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

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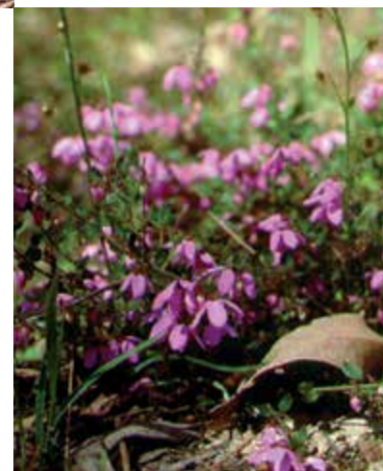
Large-leafed Bush-pea

Pultenaea daphnoides
Medium shrub 1-2.5 m. Pea-shaped profuse flowers Aug.-Dec. Acidic soils, semi-shade, fast growing. Tolerates pruning.



Pink Bells

Tetralochea ciliata
Understorey shrub to 1m. Flowers are purple to lilac and sweetly perfumed, August to December. Moist to dry conditions.



Indigenous Vegetation

What is indigenous Vegetation?

Indigenous vegetation comprises those species of plants that grow naturally in a particular area.

Why is indigenous vegetation important?

Indigenous vegetation;

- provides habitat for native fauna - our birds, our mammals, our reptiles, our amphibians, our insects, our spiders...

- is part of our botanical heritage.

Species lost are gone forever.

How can indigenous vegetation be preserved, nurtured and restored?

Two main ways are:

- removing environmental weeds from our own properties and from reserves, roadsides, bushland...
- planting species known to grown naturally in this area.

Why plant indigenous species?

It is important to plant indigenous species because they:

- maintain the unique local visual character of the area
- preserve the biodiversity of the region for future generations
- attract wildlife to gardens and provide habitat for native fauna
- help the movement of pollinators between remnants of bush vegetation
- extend the beauty of the local natural surroundings and reserves into home gardens
- have adapted to the low nutrients in our soils and do not need fertilising
- need little or no additional water once established
- do not become environmental weeds.



CLIMBERS & CREEPERS

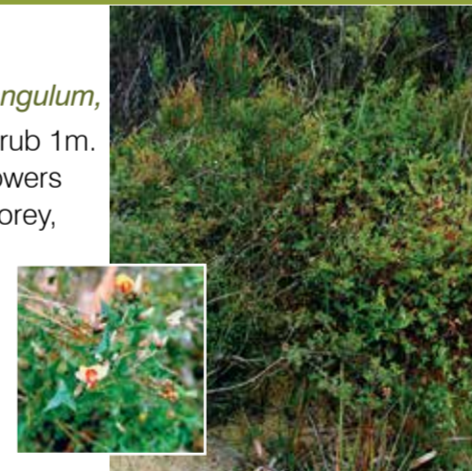
Goat's beard

Clematis aristata
Medium climber. White starry flowers Aug-March. Prefers shade but tolerates most habitats incl understorey but needs drainage.



Flat Pea

Platylobium obtusangulum
Dwarf clumping shrub 1m. Orange-red pea flowers Sept-Dec. Understorey, hardy, most drained soils. Good in pots.



Small-leafed Clematis

Clematis microphylla
Tangled climber, white flowers Sept – Oct. Likes shade, robust, and tolerates most soils.



Ivy leafed Violet

Viola hederacea
Creeping, low, perennial herb . White /purple flowers all year. Tolerates shade, moist soils not full sun.



Running postman

Kennedia prostrata
Spreading creeper. Red pea flowers July-Dec. Likes sun or dappled shade, and most well drained soils.



Climbing lignum.

Muehlenbeckia adpressa
Glossy climber / trailer. Cream green flowers all year. All soils, semi-shade. Drought and salt tolerant.



GRASSES

Weeping Grass

Microlaena stipoides
Slender, perennial, spreading grass to 70cm tall. Green drooping flowerhead Sep-Nov. Moist soil, semi-shade.



Kangaroo Grass

Themeda triandra
Dense, tussock-forming grass, 50 x 50cm. Large nodding spiky flower head, Sep-Mar. Moist soil and sun.



Small Tussock Grass

Poa clelandii
Medium, erect tussock with fine, bright green leaves and flower stems to 50cm high. Flowers are often purplish.



Large Tussock Grass

Poa Labillardieri
Attractive large tussock grass with grey-green leaves to 80cm high and wide. Very hardy perennial accepting most conditions including wet areas and dry periods. Prefers full sun Plume like flower heads in November.



Blue Tussock Grass

Poa poiiformis
Tufted perennial grass to about 1.2m height x 0.2m wide. Bluish-green leaves. Flowers Sept-Jan. Most soils. Prefers full sun but tolerates semi-shade.



Other Grasses not Pictured include:

Wallaby Grass *Austrodanthonia Caespitosa*
Tussock-forming grass 30 x 30cm. Fluffy white flower heads Sep-Feb. Moist soil, full sun, drought tolerant.


Coast Fescue *Austrofestuca littoralis*
Perennial erect grass to 60 cm, flowering spring and summer, with 3-5 flowered spikelets. Grows mainly on foredunes.

Spear Grass *Austrostipa pubinodis*
Robust, tufted perennial, 1-2m, erect flower stems with large flower spikelets, Oct-Dec.


Salt Couch *Sporobolus virginicus*
Creeping perennial grass to 0.5m tall. Leaves green. Flowers in summer and usually found growing in salt marsh and mud flats around estuaries.

TREES & SHRUBS

Sliver Wattle
Acacia Dealbata
Spreading shrub to small erect tree, 3m – 30m tall with grey-green 'fern-like' foliage. Tolerant of a wide range of conditions, but prefers a moist, well drained soil



Messmate Stringybark
Eucalyptus obliqua
Tall tree 4-15m, stringy bark, flowers Dec – March. Hardy all soils, bird attractive.



Drooping She-Oak
Allocasuarina Verticillata
Medium tree 11m Drooping Male & Female flowers March-Dec. Hardy coast tolerant most soils . Shelter tree.



Prickly Tea tree
Leptospermum continentale
Medium prickly shrub. White flower Nov-Dec. Fast growing, hardy, tolerates poor drainage.



Scented paperbark
Melaleuca squarrosa
Medium – tall shrub 6-12m. Profuse yellow flowers Oct.-Jan. Hardy, tolerates sun, shade and wet.



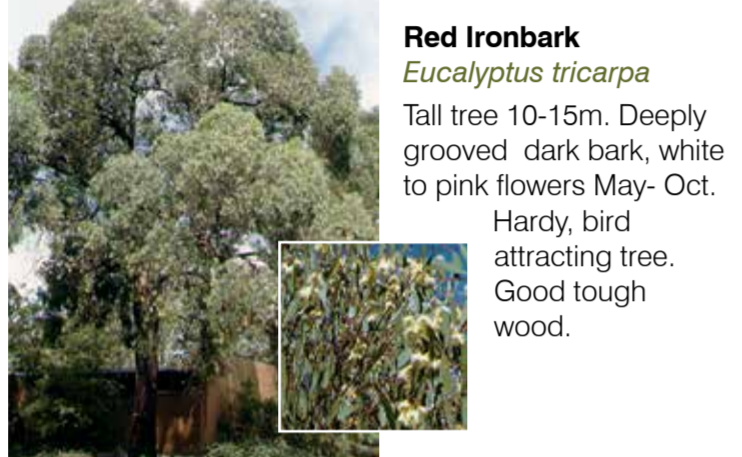
Myrtle wattle
Acacia myrtifolia
Small, 3m, bushy. Profuse yellow flowers July- Oct. Fast growing in most habitats. Pruning helps.




Blackwood
Acacia melanoxylon
Dense large shrub to 30m Pale yellow flowers July-Oct. Long lived Likes moist well drained habitat



Red Ironbark
Eucalyptus tricarpa
Tall tree 10-15m. Deeply grooved dark bark, white to pink flowers May- Oct. Hardy, bird attracting tree. Good tough wood.



Black sheoak
Allocasuarina littoralis
Pyramid shaped tree, fast growing, 8m x 5m. Flowers May-Jun followed by cones. Well drained soil, full sun.



Woolly tea-tree
Leptospermum lanigerum
Tall shrub 8m. Profuse white flowers Oct-Jan. Hardy, tolerates most soils with moisture, pruning.



Manuka
Leptospermum scoparium
Compact shrub to 2 m high by 2 m wide. White flowers, occasionally tinged with pink and red, occur in spring and early summer. Will tolerate wet areas.



Hedge Wattle
Acacia paradoxa
Dense, tall, prickly shrub 4m. Yellow flowers Aug-Sept. Hardy understory plant. Most soils. Pruning helps.




Golden Wattle
Acacia Pycnantha
Medium tree. Profuse yellow flowers. Hardy most areas except moist. Australian National Emblem.




Manna Gum
Eucalyptus viminalis
Tall tree 15m. Ribbon bark, white flowers Jan-May. Likes good well drained soil, lots of water. Koala food.




Prickly Moses
Acacia verticillata
Medium-large shrub 2.8 -3.8m. Yellow flowers July-Dec. Prickly, tolerates shade, dampness, sandy soils.



Moonah
Melaleuca lanceolata
Shrub or small tree to 10 m high with hard, rough bark. Many-flowered white spikes 2-4 cm long. Flowers chiefly summer. Prefers clayey soils.



Varnish Wattle
Acacia verniciflua
Tough Shrub to 3m. Pale yellow flowers August to October. Suitable for dry conditions and sandy soils.



Dwarf She-oak
Allocasuarina misera
Low, spreading. Dark red male & female flowers March –Oct. Hardy , tolerates clay soils. Heathland plant.



TREES & SHRUBS

Sweet wattle
Acacia suaveolens
Open branched 2m shrub. Flowers April-Oct. Hardy, all soils & shade to full sun . Coastal, not salt tolerant.




Common Correa
Correa reflexa
Variable shrub, cream to red flowers, March-Sept. Adaptable, tolerates drought and full shade.



Silky guinea flower
Hibbertia sericea
Dwarf shrub 1m Yellow flowers August - December Most soils semi shade Good drainage. Hard to grow.



Soft bush-pea
Pultenaea mollis
Erect shrub 1.5m Soft foliage Yellow -orange pea flowers September-November Well drained acidic soil in sheltered position. Semi shade.



Cut-leaf Daisy
Brachyscome multifida
Perennial, low-branching, blue flowers all year. Very hardy, rockery plant, likes clay.



Black-anther Flax Lily
Dianella admixta
Tussock Herb to 80 cm with blue-grey foliage. Pale blue flowers with yellow/black anthers are borne on long stems flowers Oct-Dec, followed by dark blue berries. Tolerates all soils.




Sea box
Alyxia buxifolia
Shrub 2m, shiny leaves, white, fragrant flowers Oct-March. Tolerates coastal conditions. Most soils. Red Fruit.

Common Heath
Epacris impressa
Small shrub of less than 1m. The colour ranges from white through various shades of pink to bright red. Flowers Feb-Nov. Requires well drained sandy soil in semi shade or full sun. It is hard to grow as mycorrhizal symbiotic soil conditions are required. Victoria's State emblem.



Clover Tree
Goodia lotifolia
Tall shrub 1.5m, profuse yellow pea flowers, Apr.- Nov. Likes acidic shaded areas. Needs pruning.



Slender velvet bush
Lasiopetalum baueri
Small grey shrub. Drooping pink flowers Aug-Dec. Hardy, tolerates salt & dry not wet.



White Correa
Correa alba
Small shrub to about 1.5m in height. White flowers Nov-May. Very hardy in most reasonably drained soils in full sun or semi shade. Very resistant to salt spray. Once established it is tolerant of extended dry periods.




Spiny-headed Mat-rush
Lomandra longifolia
Tussock herb 1m. Cylindrical cream flowers Aug-Dec. Hardy most soils, likes sun, good drainage. Can be used in Pots.



Sweet Bursaria
Bursaria spinosa
Shrub-medium 1-8m. White/cream flowers Nov-Jan. Hardy, understory, bird-attracting plant.





Austral indigo
Indigofera australis
Medium shrub to 3m. Pink-lilac to purple flowers, July-Oct. Tolerates some wetness. Likes semi-shade. Pruning helps.



Silky Tea-Tree
Leptospermum myrsinoides
Low heath shrub 1m. White flowers Oct-Nov. Tolerate of shade, dry periods, pruning.



Patersonia occidentalis
Dense tufts of leaves to 0.8m. Blue, mauve-purple flowers Sept.-Dec. Tolerates wet areas, any soil type, sun or shade.



Hop goodenia
Goodenia ovata
Prostrate for ground cover or erect forms to 1 metre available. Yellow flowers Aug-Feb. Hardy, tolerates most well drained soils.



HERBS & SUCCULENTS