



# Local native plants for home gardens

## Landcare Fact Sheet No. 6

Many home gardens these days are simply not big enough to accommodate large trees. Fortunately, there are many lower growing local native plants that can be used to help retain some 'bushland' values in our gardens. Indigenous plants, sourced from local provenance seeds plants will be the best adapted to our local environmental conditions and their use in the garden will help provide essential habitat and food for local wildlife.

Suggested local species for a shrub garden bed (plant species to 1-3 metres high approximately):

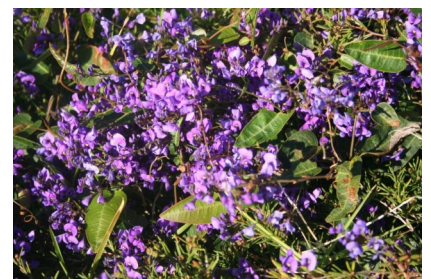
Plant name	Description	Suitable aspect
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i> Myrtle Wattle	Small shrub, with red tinged foliage and pale -yellow flowers in late winter	Sun
<i>Acacia terminalis</i> Sunshine Wattle	Small shrub with bright yellow flowers in late summer and winter	Sun
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i> Hair-pin Banksia	Smaller growing Banksia with yellow /orange flower-spike- good bird attractor	Sun
<i>Brachycome multifida</i> Cut-leaf Daisy	Attractive blue/mauve flowering ground cover or in-fill plant	Sun
<i>Commelina cyanea</i> Scurvy Weed	Vigorous groundcover with blue flowers	Sun or Shade
<i>Correa alba</i> White Correa	Small rounded shrub with white flowers in winter/early spring	Sun
<i>Correa reflexa</i> Native Fuchsia	Small shrub with attractive, tubular red and green, rarely white, flowers in late winter/ early spring	Sun
<i>Dianella caerulea</i> Blue Flax Lily	Blue flowered, blue fruited iris-like plant	Sun or Shade
<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i> Wombat Berry	Gentle climber or scrambler with orange fruits in spring/summer	Sun or Shade
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> Native Sarsaparilla	Vigorous groundcover or climber with purple pea flowers in spring- can be invasive	Sun



***Acacia terminalis***



***Commelina cyanea***



***Hardenbergia violacea***

Plant Name	Description	Suitable aspect
<i>Hibbertia scandens</i> Climbing Guinea Flower	A vigorous climber or scrambler with large bright yellow flowers in spring and summer	Sun
<i>Indigophora australis</i> Native Indigo	Small shrub with pink/mauve/sometimes almost blue pea flowers in spring	Sun
<i>Lambertia Formosa</i> Mountain Devil	Red-flowering shrub with woody capsules that resemble a horned devil- good bird attractor	Sun
<i>Lobelia anceps</i> Native Lobelia	Small herb with white to sky-blue flowers- likes moist soil	Sun or Shade
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i> Spiny-headed Mat Rush	Tufted, grass-like plant with strongly scented, inconspicuous flowers in spring - good edge plant	Sun or Shade
<i>Melaleuca thymifolia</i> Thyme Honeymyrtle	Very attractive, small Melaleuca with scented leaves and delicate, purple flowers in spring	Sun
<i>Pittosporum revolutum</i> Rough-fruited Pittosporum	Shrub with yellow flowers in summer- prominent seed-capsule with sticky, red seeds	Sun or Shade
<i>Plectranthus parviflorus</i> Plectranthus	Scented perennial with white to blue flowers for much of the year- likes a moist, sheltered position and self-seeds readily	Shade to Sun
<i>Prostanthera incana</i> Velvet Mint-bush	Shrub with scented leaves and mauve flowers - likes a moist position	Shade to Sun
<i>Pultanea euchila</i> Bush Pea & <i>Pultanea villosa</i> Hairy Bush Pea	The Bush Peas have typical yellow and red, "egg and bacon" flowers mostly in spring	Sun
<i>Viola hederacea</i> Native Violet	Vigorous groundcover in moist areas - pretty white/blue flowers for much of the year	Shade to Sun
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i> Coastal Rosemary	Hardy shrub with white, sometimes bluish, flowers for much of the year - makes an attractive hedge if pruned regularly	Sun



***Hibbertia scandens***



***Lambertia formosa***



***Melaleuca thymifolia***



***Westringia fruticosa***



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