

# DROUGHT RESISTANT NATIVE PLANTS of the CENTENARY SUBURBS and DISTRICT

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*Mangroves to Mountains, Revised Edition* by Glenn Leiper, Jan Glazebrook, Denis Cox and Kerry Rathie, 2008

*Eucalypts of the Sunshine Coast and the Coast from Bundaberg to Coffs Harbour* by Tony Bean, reprinted 1995



\* **NOTE: heights are approximate and apply to the general growing conditions in the Centenary suburbs and district**

Tree ♦ Shrub ♦ Grass ♦ Ground Cover ♦ Fern ♦ Vine ♦ Full Sun ♦ Part Shade						
Form	Botanical name	Common name	Mature height*	Sun or shade	Wildlife use	Description
F	<i>Drynaria rigidula</i>	<b>Basket Fern</b>	0.5m	PS		Attractive feather-shaped fronds growing from 'basket' of different leaves.
G	<i>Cymbopogon refractus</i>	<b>Barb Wire Grass</b>	0.5m	PS/FS	Birds	Attractive clumping foliage, interesting seed heads.
G	<i>Lomandra confertifolia</i>	<b>Matrush</b>	0.5m	PS/FS	Birds	Small rounded clumps.
G	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	<b>Kangaroo Grass</b>	0.5m	PS/FS	Birds	Attractive clumping foliage, interesting seed heads.
GC	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	<b>Yellow Buttons</b>	0.3m	PS/FS		Low GC with yellow button flowers most of the year. Sometimes succumbs to drought but reseeds itself.
GC	<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i>	<b>River Lily</b>	0.7m	PS/FS		Showy white flowers, broad strappy leaves. Sometimes attacked by caterpillars but recovers. Tolerates poorly drained soil.
GC	<i>Dianella brevipedunculata</i>	<b>Flax Lily</b>	0.7m	PS/FS		Small blue flowers nestled amongst the foliage, longlasting bright blue fruit.
GC	<i>Dianella caerulea</i>	<b>Flax Lily</b>	0.7m	PS/FS		Small blue flowers above foliage followed by longlasting bright blue fruit.
GC	<i>Myoporum debile</i>	<b>Winter Apple</b>	0.1m	PS/FS	Birds	Low GC with small white/blue flowers, mauve fruit.
S/T	<i>Acacia concurrens</i>	<b>Black Wattle</b>	4m	FS	Birds	Fast. Perfumed yellow spike flowers, winter to spring
S	<i>Acacia complanata</i>	<b>Flat-stemmed Wattle</b>	2m	FS	Birds	Fast. Interesting flat stems, attractive, perfumed, yellow pompom flowers spring to autumn
S/T	<i>Acacia falcata</i>	<b>Sickle-leaved Wattle</b>	3m	FS	Birds	Fast. Cream pompom flowers, autumn to winter.
S	<i>Alcornea ilicifolia</i>	<b>Native Holly</b>	3m	PS/FS		Attractive dark green holly-like foliage.
S	<i>Alyxia ruscifolia</i>	<b>Chain Fruit</b>	3m	PS		Pointed attractive dark green leaves in whorls, small white fragrant flowers, orange fruits joined like beads on a string.
S	<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	<b>Coffee Bush</b>	2m	FS	Birds	Open shrub with attractive medium-sized rounded leaves.
S	<i>Cyclophyllum coprosmoides</i> (Canthium)	<b>Coastal Canthium</b>	4m	FS		Dense shrub with very shiny green rounded leaves.
S	<i>Carissa ovata</i>	<b>Currant Bush</b>	1m	PS/FS	Birds	Star shaped white flowers. Attractive bright green leaves in pairs. Small spines.
S/T	<i>Citrus australis</i>	<b>Wild Lime</b>	4m	FS		Fragrant pink and white flowers. Edible though sour fruit. Small thorns.
S/T	<i>Croton insularis</i>	<b>Silver Croton</b>	5m	FS		Medium-sized beautiful silver-backed leaves offset by the occasional orange leaf.
S	<i>Daviesia squarrosa</i>	<b>Daviesia</b>	1m	FS		Small delicate leaves, yellow pea flowers.
S/T	<i>Hibiscus heterophyllus</i>	<b>Hibiscus</b>	3m	FS		Fast. Large lobed leaves, showy attractive white flowers with burgundy throats. Prickly stems.
S	<i>Hovea acutifolia</i>	<b>Hovea</b>	1.5m	FS		Pointed leaves, purple pea flowers in spring.
S	<i>Jacksonia scoparia</i>	<b>Dogwood</b>	1.5m	FS		Open shrub with pine-like leaves and yellow pea flowers in spring.
S	<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i>	<b>Wild May</b>	1.5m	FS	Birds	Showy shrub, small delicate leaves and masses of white flowers.
S	<i>Ozothamnus diosmifolium</i>	<b>Sago Flower</b>	1.5m	FS		Open shrub with delicate small leaves and showy white flower heads. Flowers in summer.
S/T	<i>Petalostigma pubescens</i>	<b>Quinine Berry</b>	4m	FS		Rounded shrub/tree. Orange fruit.
S	<i>Pittosporum multiflorum</i> ( <i>Citriobatis pauciflorus</i> )	<b>Orange Thorn</b>	1m	PS/FS		Small attractive white flowers followed by bright orange berries. Small thorns.
S/T	<i>Pittosporum viscidum</i> ( <i>Citriobatis linearis</i> )	<b>Thorn Bush</b>	4m	FS		Very drought tolerant. Small delicate leaves and masses of small yellow tubular flowers in spring. Fine spines.
S	<i>Tabernaemontana pandacaqui</i>	<b>Banana Bush</b>	2m	PS/FS		Semi-deciduous dense shrub with perfumed white flowers from spring to summer. Bright yellow banana-shaped fruit. POISONOUS seeds.

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T	Acacia disparrima (aulacocarpa)	<b>Hickory Wattle</b>	8m	FS	Birds	Fast. Yellow spike flowers, winter to spring. Longer lived than most wattles.
T	Acacia fimbriata	<b>Brisbane Wattle</b>	5m	FS	Birds	Fast. Fine foliage, perfumed, yellow pompom flowers winter to spring, longer lived than most wattles.
T	Acacia leiocalyx	<b>Black Wattle</b>	8m	FS	Birds	Fast. Perfumed yellow spike flowers, winter to spring. Longer lived than most wattles.
T	Acacia maidenii	<b>Maiden's Wattle</b>	8m	FS	Birds	Fast. Cream spike flowers summer to autumn.
T	Acacia melanoxylon	<b>Black Wattle</b>	8m	FS	Birds	Fast. Cream pompom flowers summer to autumn. Longer lived than most wattles.
T	Alectryon tomentosus	<b>Hairy Birds Eye</b>	8m	FS		Shade tree, interesting serrated leaves with bronze/pink new foliage.
T	Allocasuarina littoralis	<b>Black She Oak</b>	6m	FS	Birds	Fast. Upright form. Fine pine-like foliage.
T	Allocasuarina torulosa	<b>Forest Oak</b>	10m	FS	Birds	Fast. Upright form. Fine pine-like foliage.
T	Atalaya salicifolia	<b>Scrub Whitewood</b>	10m	FS		Attractive narrow dark green leaves, delicate white flowers in panicles.
T	Melaleuca saligna (Callistemon salignus)	<b>White Bottlebrush</b>	8m	FS		Upright form. Papery bark, cream bottlebrush flowers in spring.
T	Melaleuca viminalis (Callistemon viminalis)	<b>Bottlebrush</b>	10m	FS	Birds	Red bottlebrush flowers spring to summer, weeping foliage. Many good cultivars.
T	Cryptocarya triplinervis	<b>Three-veined Laurel</b>	8m	FS	Birds	Very drought tolerant. Upright form. Dark shiny leaves, small black berries.
T	Cupaniopsis parviflora	<b>Small-leaved Tuckeroo</b>	8m	FS		Good shade tree, thick foliage. Attractive yellow fruit.
T	Diospyros australis	<b>Black Plum</b>	10m	FS		Dense rounded canopy. Slightly zig-zag branchlets, dark green leaves. Black fruit.
T	Erythrina vespertilio	<b>Bat Wing Coral Tree</b>	8m	FS		Open tree with interesting thorny trunk and decorative leaves. Deciduous. Showy red flowers, spring/summer before the leaves sprout. POISONOUS red seeds.
T	Elaeocarpus obovatus	<b>Hard Quondong</b>	10m	FS	Birds	Upright form. Perfumed showy masses of hanging white flowers. Blue fruit.
T	Ficus coronata	<b>Sandpaper Fig</b>	10m	FS	Birds	Fast. Sandpapery leaves, purple fruit.
T	Flindersia australis	<b>Crows Ash</b>	15m	FS		Handsome shade tree, upright, masses of small white flowers in spring/summer. Large woody seed pods.
T	Flindersia collina	<b>Leopard Ash</b>	15m	FS		Handsome shade tree with mottled bark, upright. Masses of small white flowers in spring. Large woody seed pods.
T	Flindersia schottiana	<b>Bumpy Ash</b>	15m	FS		Handsome open tree, upright, with large floppy leaves. Masses of small white flowers in spring/summer. Large woody seed pods.
T	Flindersia xanthoxyla	<b>Yellowwood</b>	15m	FS		Handsome open tree, upright. Masses of small yellow flowers in summer. Large woody seed pods.
T	Glochidion ferdinandi	<b>Cheese Tree</b>	10m	FS		Shade tree with dark green shiny leaves. May be attacked by caterpillars. Attractive dark crimson pumpkin-shaped fruit.
T	Harpullia pendula	<b>Tulipwood</b>	8m	FS		Attractive shade tree with new amber leaves and showy yellow/orange seed pods.
T	Hymenosporum flavum	<b>Native Frangipani</b>	8m	FS		Attractive upright tree. Fragrant, yellow flowers fading to cream,
T	Jagera pseudorhus	<b>Foam Bark</b>	10m	FS	Birds	Attractive shade tree with feathery foliage. Golden brown seed pods covered in IRRITATING hairs.
T	Mallotus philippensis	<b>Red Kamala</b>	8m	FS		Good screening tree, may be multi-stemmed. Dark leaves, rusty red seed pods.
T	Melaleuca linariifolia	<b>Snow in Summer</b>	7m	FS		Rounded tree with fine foliage, white bottlebrush flowers in spring/summer.
T	Melia azedarach	<b>White Cedar</b>	10m	FS		Very fast shade tree, deciduous for a short time. Beautiful white and purple flowers. POISONOUS yellow fruit.
T	Myrsine variabilis (Rapanea)	<b>Muttonwood</b>	8m	FS		Interesting ruffled shiny green leaves. Small cream flowers and purple fruit.
T	Olea paniculata	<b>Native Olive</b>	10m	FS		Rounded tree with shiny leaves and fruit resembling olives.
T	Pararchidendron pruinosum	<b>Snow Wood</b>	10m	FS		Shade tree with attractive shiny leaves, fluffy white flowers in spring/summer.
T	Streblus brunonianus	<b>Whalebone Tree</b>	8m	FS	Birds	Good screening tree, attractive dark green weeping foliage.
T	Toechima tenax	<b>Pitted Steelwood</b>	10m	FS		Attractive, upright tree with shiny ruffled leaves.

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T tall	<i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i>	<b>Hoop Pine</b>	20m	FS		Stately tree, upright form. Attractive glossy bark, dark foliage. Large cones.
T tall	<i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> (syn. <i>A. costata</i> )	<b>Smooth-barked Apple</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Pink dimpled trunk, branches and trunk often twisted, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Aphananthe philippinensis</i>	<b>Hard-leaved Elm</b>	15m	FS		Very drought tolerant. Small, stiff holly-like leaves.
T tall	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i> subsp. <i>variegata</i>	<b>Spotted Gum</b>	20m	FS	Birds	Pink dimpled straight trunk, dark glossy pendulous leaves, showy white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Corymbia intermedia</i>	<b>Pink Bloodwood</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Dense crown, bark in rectangular pieces, egg-shaped gumnuts, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Corymbia tessellaris</i>	<b>Moreton Bay Ash</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Fine, weeping foliage, pale and smooth above. White fluffy flowers. Dark 'stocking' of bark in rectangular pieces. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Corymbia trachyphloia</i>	<b>Brown Bloodwood</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Bark in rectangular pieces, showy white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus carnea</i>	<b>Broad-leaved White Mahogany</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Fibrous brown bark, silvery-blue foliage, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i>	<b>Narrow-leaved Ironbark</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Open crown, dark furrowed ironbark, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus fibrosa</i>	<b>Broad-leaved Ironbark</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Dense crown, dark furrowed ironbark, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus melanophloia</i>	<b>Silver-leaved Ironbark</b>	10m	FS	Birds	Ironbark, broad silvery leaves, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	<b>Tallowwood</b>	20m	FS	Birds	Stately tree, horizontal branches, fibrous reddish-brown bark, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus major</i>	<b>Grey Gum</b>	20m	FS	Birds, Koalas	Straight trunked tree, smooth grey bark which is bright orange after bark-shed, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus seeana</i>	<b>Narrow-leaved Grey Gum</b>	15m	FS	Birds, koalas	Smooth white bark with grey patches, sparse pendulous leaves, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus siderophloia</i>	<b>Grey Iron Bark</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Dense crown, dark furrowed ironbark, pendulous leaves, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	<b>Queensland Blue Gum</b>	25m	FS	Birds, Koalas	Stately tree, open crown, shiny white bark, short dark 'stocking', pendulous foliage, white fluffy flowers. Good habitat tree.
T tall	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i>	<b>Moreton Bay Fig</b>	30m	FS	Birds	Shade tree, large shiny leaves with rusty undersides, orange/purple fruit.
T tall	<i>Ficus rubiginosa</i> ( <i>F. platypoda</i> )	<b>Rock Fig</b>	20m	FS	Birds	Shade tree, shiny leaves, yellow/red fruit.
T tall	<i>Ficus virens</i>	<b>White Fig</b>	20m	FS	Birds	Shade tree, deciduous shiny leaves, red fruit.
T tall	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	<b>Silky Oak</b>	20m	FS	Birds	Fast. Upright form. Attractive silvery ferny foliage and showy orange flowers in spring.
T tall	<i>Melaleuca bracteata</i>	<b>Black Tea Tree</b>	15m	FS	Birds	Black trunks, fine dark foliage, white bottlebrush flowers in spring.
V/GC	<i>Cissus antarctica</i>	<b>Kangaroo Vine</b>	small	PS/FS		Very drought tolerant. Attractive slightly serrated leaves and black edible fruit, sour.
V/GC	<i>Geitonoplesium cymosum</i>	<b>Scrambling Lily</b>	small	PS/FS		Very drought tolerant. Small-growing. Lime green leaves, white flowers, black berries.
V	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	<b>Native Sarsaparilla</b>	small	PS/FS		Very drought tolerant. Purple pea flowers, blue green foliage. Vigorous.
V	<i>Pandorea jasminoides</i>	<b>Bower Vine</b>	medium	PS/FS		Very drought tolerant. Stunning pink flowers, shiny dark green leaves. Vigorous.
V	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	<b>Scrub Wonga Vine</b>	medium	PS/FS		Very drought tolerant. Small yellow/cream flowers, shiny dark green leaves. Vigorous.
V/GC	<i>Smilax australis</i>	<b>Barb Wire Vine</b>	small	Sh		Very drought tolerant. Pink new growth. Small thorns.
V/GC	<i>Stephania japonica</i>	<b>Snake Vine</b>	small	PS/FS		Very drought tolerant. Medium-sized round leaves, clusters of red berries.

Many of these plants are growing at Wiley's Scrub, corner of Summit Place and Westlake Drive, Westlake. Labelled plants are around the road and boardwalk edges. Planting in this area started in 1998.

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## Give your plants a chance - plant them to be water efficient

- ◆ Loosen the soil for 10 cm all around the pot sized hole.
- ◆ Before planting, water the plant in the pot and add water to the planting hole.
- ◆ Position the plant so that the final soil surface forms a hollow below the general surface of the surrounding soil. On slopes, build up a small retaining edge on the downward side of the plant. This will hold any rainwater and stop it from running away.
- ◆ IMMEDIATELY after planting, water the plant well - 10 litres/a bucket of water depending on plant size.
- ◆ Sprinkle around the plant with slow release fertiliser for native plants or mix it into the planting hole.
- ◆ Lay organic mulch for 50 cms all around the plant, at least 7 cms deep. Taper the mulch down to the plant so that no mulch touches the stem.
- ◆ Water your plant every second day for a week, then every week for a month then once a fortnight until it is established. In the first year it may need water during long dry periods.