

DROUGHT RESISTANT NATIVE PLANTS of the CENTENARY SUBURBS AND DISTRICT

COOL PLANTS



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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>Cheilanthes sieberi</i>	Mulga Fern	0.1m	PS		Small delicate feather-shaped fronds
F	<i>Drynaria rigidula</i>	Basket Fern	0.5m	PS		Attractive feather-shaped fronds growing from 'basket' of different leaves
G	<i>Cymbopogon refractus</i>	Barb Wire Grass	0.5m	PS/FS	Birds	Attractive clumping foliage, interesting seed heads
G	<i>Lomandra confertifolia</i>	Matrush	0.5m	PS/FS	Birds	Small rounded clumps
G	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass	0.5m	PS/FS	Birds	Attractive clumping foliage, interesting seed heads
GC	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Yellow Buttons	0.3m	PS/FS		Low GC with yellow button flowers most of the year
GC	<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i>	River Lily	0.7m	PS/FS		Showy white flowers, broad strappy leaves
GC	<i>Dianella brevipedunculata</i>	Flax Lily	0.7m	PS/FS		Small blue flowers nestled amongst the foliage, longlasting bright blue berries
GC	<i>Dianella caerulea</i>	Flax Lily	0.7m	PS/FS		Small blue flowers above foliage followed by longlasting bright blue berries
GC	<i>Myoporum debile</i>	Winter Apple	0.1m	PS/FS	Birds	Low GC with white/blue flowers, mauve berries
GC	<i>Plectranthus parviflorus</i>	Native Mint	0.7m	PS		Pale purple flower spikes on herbaceous plant. Seeds freely.
S	<i>Acacia complanata</i>	Flat-stemmed Wattle	2m	FS	Birds	Fast. Interesting flat stems, attractive flowers
S	<i>Alcornea ilicifolia</i>	Native Holly	2m	FS		Attractive holly-like foliage
S	<i>Alyxia ruscifolia</i>	Chain fruit	3m	PS		Pointed attractive dark green leaves in whorls, small white flowers, orange berries
S	<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Coffee Bush	2m	FS	Birds	Attractive rounded leaves
S	<i>Cyclophyllum coprosmoides</i> (<i>Canthium coprosmoides</i>)	Coastal Canthium	4m	FS		Dense shrub with shiny green rounded leaves
S	<i>Carissa ovata</i>	Currant Bush	1m	PS/FS	Birds	Star shaped white flowers. Attractive shiny rounded leaves. Small thorns
S	<i>Citrus australis</i>	Wild Lime	4m	FS		Scented pink and white flowers, edible though sour fruit
S	<i>Croton insularis</i>	Silver Croton	4m	FS		Large, beautiful silver-backed leaves offset by the occasional orange leaf.
S	<i>Daviesia squarrosa</i>	Daviesia	1m	FS		Small delicate leaves, yellow pea flowers
S	<i>Hibiscus heterophyllus</i>	Hibiscus	3m	FS		Fast. Big, lobed leaves, large attractive white flowers with burgundy throats
S	<i>Hovea acutifolia</i>	Hovea	1.5m	FS		Pointed dark leaves, purple pea flowers
S	<i>Jacksonia scoparia</i>	Dogwood	1.5m	FS		Open shrub with pine-like leaves and yellow pea flowers
S	<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i>	Wild May	1.5m	FS	Birds	Showy shrub, small delicate leaves and masses of white flowers
S	<i>Ozothamnus diosmifolium</i>	Sago Flower	1.5m	FS		Showy shrub, white flowers used for dry flower arrangements
S	<i>Pittosporum multiflorum</i> (<i>Citriobatis pauciflorus</i>)	Orange Thorn	1m	PS/FS		Small attractive white flowers followed by bright orange berries. Small thorns
S	<i>Pittosporum viscidum</i> (<i>Citriobatis linearis</i>)	Thorn Bush	2m	FS		Very drought tolerant. Shiny green leaves
S	<i>Solanum stellirigium</i>	Devil's needles	1m	FS	Birds	Small white 'tomato' flowers, red berries, interesting spines on leaves
T	<i>Acacia concurrens</i>	Black Wattle	4m	FS	Birds	Fast. Attractive flowers
T	<i>Acacia disparrima</i> (<i>aulacocarpa</i>)	Hickory Wattle	7m	FS	Birds	Fast. Attractive flowers, longer lived than most wattles
T	<i>Acacia falcata</i>	Wattle	3m	FS	Birds	Fast. Attractive flowers
T	<i>Acacia fimbriata</i>	Brisbane Wattle	3m	FS	Birds	Fast. Fine foliage, attractive flowers, longer lived than most wattles
T	<i>Acacia leiocalyx</i>	Black Wattle	4m	FS	Birds	Fast. Attractive flowers, longer lived than most wattles
T	<i>Acacia maidenii</i>	Maiden's Wattle	6m	FS	Birds	Fast, attractive flowers
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Black Wattle	7m	FS	Birds	Fast. Attractive flowers, longer lived than most wattles
T	<i>Alectryon tomentosus</i>	Hairy Birds Eye	5m	FS		Shade tree, interesting serrated leaves

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T	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black She Oak	6m	FS	Birds	Fast. Fine pine-like foliage
T	<i>Allocasuarina torulosa</i>	Forest Oak	6m	FS	Birds	Fast. Fine pine-like foliage
T	<i>Aphananthe philippinensis</i>	Hard-leaved Elm	7m	FS		Good street tree. Small holly-like leaves.
T	<i>Callistemon salignus</i>	White Bottlebrush	5m	FS		Papery bark, white bottlebrush flowers
T	<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	Bottlebrush	5m	FS	Birds	Red bottlebrush flowers, weeping foliage
T	<i>Cryptocarya triplinervis</i>	Three-veined Laurel	6m	FS	Birds	Dark shiny leaves, small black berries
T	<i>Cupaniopsis parviflora</i>	Small-leaved Tuckeroo	5m	FS		Good shade tree, thick foliage, yellow berries
T	<i>Erythrina vespertilio</i>	Bat Wing Coral Tree	5m	FS		Deciduous, large red flowers, interesting thorny trunk, red seeds.
T	<i>Elaeocarpus obovatus</i>	Hard Quondong	7m	FS	Birds	Good street tree. White flowers, blue berries
T	<i>Ficus coronata</i>	Sandpaper Fig	10m	FS	Birds	Sandpapery leaves, purple fruit
T	<i>Flindersia australis</i>	Crows Ash	8m	FS		Shade tree, interesting seed pods. Attractive tree
T	<i>Flindersia collina</i>	Leopard Ash	7m	FS		Shade tree, interesting seed pods. Attractive tree
T	<i>Flindersia xanthoxyla</i>	Yellowwood	7m	FS		Shade tree, interesting seed pods. Attractive tree
T	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	Silky Oak	10m	FS		Fast. Attractive silvery foliage and orange flowers
T	<i>Harpullia pendula</i>	Tulipwood	6m	FS		Shade tree, attractive new amber leaves and seed pods. Attractive tree
T	<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	Native Frangipani	6m	FS		Scented, yellow flowers fading to cream, attractive tree
T	<i>Jagera pseudorhus</i>	Foam Bark	8m	FS		Attractive foliage and berries. Berries have irritant hairs. Attractive tree
T	<i>Mallotus philippensis</i>	Red Kamala	6m	FS		Good screening tree, dark leaves, rusty seed pods
T	<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	Flaxleaf Paperbark	7m	FS		Fine foliage, white bottlebrush flowers
T	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	White Cedar	10m	FS		Fast. Attractive white and purple flowers, yellow berries
T	<i>Olea paniculata</i>	Native Olive	10m	FS		Rounded crown with shiny leaves and olive-like fruit
T	<i>Pararchidendron pruinosum</i>	Snow Wood	10m	FS		Shade tree with attractive shiny leaves, fluffy white flowers and curly seed pods
T	<i>Petalostigma pubescens</i>	Quinine Berry	3m	FS		Orange berries
T	<i>Streblus brunonianus</i>	Whalebone Tree	4m	FS		Good screening tree, attractive foliage
T	<i>Toechima tenax</i>	Pitted Steelwood	10m	FS		Dense tree with shiny ruffled leaves
T tall	<i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i>	Hoop Pine	20m	FS		Stately tree, attractive glossy bark, dark foliage
T tall	<i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> (syn. <i>A. costata</i>)	Smooth-barked Apple	15m	FS		Pink dimpled trunk, branches and trunk often twisted, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>	Spotted Gum	20m	FS	Birds	Pink dimpled straight trunk, dark glossy pendulous leaves, showy white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Corymbia intermedia</i>	Pink Bloodwood	15m	FS	Birds	Dense crown, bark in rectangular pieces, egg-shaped gumnuts, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Corymbia tessellaris</i>	Moreton Bay Ash	15m	FS	Birds	Fine, weeping foliage, dark 'stocking', pale and smooth above, showy white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Corymbia trachyphloia</i>	Brown Bloodwood	15m	FS	Birds	Bark in rectangular pieces, showy white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus carnea</i>	Broad-leaved White Mahogany	15m	FS	Birds	Fibrous brown bark, silvery-blue foliage, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i>	Narrow-leaved Ironbark	15m	FS	Birds	Open crown, dark furrowed ironbark, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus fibrosa</i>	Broad-leaved Ironbark	15m	FS	Birds	Dense crown, dark furrowed ironbark, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus melanophloia</i>	Silver-leaved Ironbark	10m	FS	Birds	Ironbark, broad silvery leaves, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus microcorys</i>	Tallowwood	20m	FS	Birds	Stately tree, horizontal branches, fibrous reddish-brown bark, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	<i>Eucalyptus major</i>	Grey Gum	20m	FS	Birds, koalas	Straight trunked tree, smooth grey bark which is bright orange after bark-shed, good habitat tree

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T tall	Eucalyptus seeana	Narrow-leaved Grey Gum	15m	FS	Birds	Smooth white bark with grey patches, sparse pendulous leaves, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	Eucalyptus siderophloia	Grey Iron Bark	15m	FS	Birds	Dense crown, dark furrowed ironbark, pendulous leaves, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	Eucalyptus tereticornis	Queensland Blue Gum	25m	FS	Birds, koalas	Stately tree, open crown, shiny white bark, short dark 'stocking', pendulous foliage, white fluffy flowers, good habitat tree
T tall	Ficus macrophylla	Moreton Bay Fig	20m	FS	Birds	Shade tree, large shiny leaves with rusty undersides, orange/purple fruit
T tall	Ficus rubiginosa (platypoda)	Rock Fig	10m	FS	Birds	Shade tree, shiny leaves, yellow/red fruit
T tall	Ficus virens	White Fig	15m	FS	Birds	Shade tree, deciduous shiny leaves, red fruit
T tall	Melaleuca bracteata	Black Tea Tree	10m	FS		Black trunks, fine dark foliage, white bottlebrush flowers
V	Cissus opaca	Forest Grape	small	PS/FS		Interesting leaves, black edible fruit, sour
V/GC	Cissus antarctica	Kangaroo Vine	small	PS/FS		Serrated leaves and black edible fruit, sour
V/GC	Geitonoplesium cymosum	Scrambling Lily	small	PS/FS		Small-growing. Lime green leaves, white flowers, black berries
V	Hardenbergia violacea	Native Sarsaparilla	small	PS/FS		Purple pea flowers, blue green foliage
V	Pandorea jasminoides	Bower Vine	medium	PS/FS		Stunning pink flowers, shiny dark green leaves, vigorous
V	Pandorea pandorana	Scrub Wonga Vine	medium	PS/FS		Cream flowers, shiny dark green leaves, vigorous
V/GC	Smilax australis	Barb Wire Vine	small	Sh		Pink new growth. Small thorns
V/GC	Stephania japonica	Snake Vine	small	PS/FS		Large round leaves, clusters of red berries

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