

BEE FRIENDLY PLANTS

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES



BRISBANE WATTLE

Species: *Acacia fimbriata* **Family:** Mimosaceae

Description: Medium size tree, up to 6m. Produces highly perfumed, yellow flowers.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Low to Moderate watering needs. Prefers well draining sandy soils.

ZIG-ZAG WATTLE

Species: *Acacia macradenia* **Family:** Mimosaceae

Description: Medium open shrubby tree growing to 5m. Distinctive zig-zag shaped branches. Bright, golden flowers grow in dense clusters.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Drought tolerant once established. Prefers well draining sandy soils.



OLD SILVER WATTLE

Species: *Acacia podalyriifolia* **Family:** Mimosaceae

Description: Medium tree growing to 6m. Distinctive silver grey leaves. Produces fragrant yellow flowers.

Care: Full sun. Low watering needs, avoid water-logging. Does well in all soil types.

LEMON IRONWOOD

Species: *Backhousia citriodora* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Medium sized tree to 12m. Foliage dense all the way to ground. Produces a strong lemon scent. Small white flowers.

Care: Full sun. Tolerates most well-drained soils, prefers rich soil with mulch. Suitable for pots, hedges and gardens.



GOLDEN GLORY TREE

Species: *Barklya syringifolia* **Family:** Caesalpineaceae

Description: Medium sized tree to 15m. Leaves are heart shaped. Produces sprays of orange-yellow flowers.

Care: Full sun or part shade. Preferring good soil and drainage. Slow growing but flowers early.



IVORY CURL

Species: *Buckinghamia celsissima* **Family:** Proteaceae

Description: Medium sized tree growing 10-15 meters tall. Known for its stunning ivory-colored flowers that curl at the ends.

Care: Full sun. Prefers well-drained rich soil. Drought tolerant once established. Prefers warm coastal climates.



BULBINE LILY

Species: *Bulbine bulbosa* **Family:** Asphodelaceae

Description: Clumping perennial herb reaching 75cm. Produces bright yellow star-like flowers.

Care: Part shade. Tolerates most well drained soils. Water regularly
Frost tolerant.

GOLD-TIPPED BOTTLE BRUSH

Species: *Callistemon polandii* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Dense shrub growing to 4m. Produces abundant displays of red flowers in Spring.

Care: Full Sun. Will take to most soil types. Drought tolerant once established



WEeping BOTTLEBRUSH

Species: *Callistemon viminalis* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Small tree growing to 10m. Produces mass amounts of vibrant red flowers

Care: Full Sun. Will take to most soil types. Drought tolerant once established

BROWN KUURAJONG

Species: *Commersonia bartramia* **Family:** Sterculiaceae

Description: Bushy shrub/small tree grows to 6 m. Heart shaped leaves. Cream flowers in axillary heads.

Care: Full sun or part shade. Prefers well drained soil. Water every 2 to 3 weeks.



RIVER LILY

Species: *Crinum pedunculatum* **Family:** Amaryllidaceae

Description: Large bulbous perennial herb, which may reach 2 metres high by a 2-3 metre spread. Produces tall white flowers through Spring and Summer.

Care: Full sun or part shade. Prefers well drained moist soils. Water regularly.



BLUE FLAX LILY

Species: *Dianella caerulea* **Family:** Hemerocallidaceae

Description: Grows to 1m. Flax-like leaves. Small blue flowers with prominent yellow anthers on branched spikes.. Globular blue fruits.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Hardy plant which is drought and frost tolerant once established.



SPOTTED EMU BUSH

Species: *Eremophila maculata* **Family:** Scrophulariaceae

Description: Low spreading shrub. Grows to 2m. The flower colour varies and may be pink, mauve, red, orange or yellow,

Care: Full sun. Prefers well draining alkaline soils. Drought tolerant once established.



HOLLY-LEAVED FUCHSIA

Species: *Graptophyllum ilicifolium* **Family:** Acanthaceae

Description: Medium shrub growing 3-5m. Bright scarlet-purple flowers occur in spring and early summer.

Care: Part shade. Prefers moist well draining soils Water regularly until established.

RED-FLOWERED SILKY OAK

Species: *Grevillea banksii* **Family:** Proteaceae

Description: Small tree growing to 5m. Attractive red or cream flowers in spikes to 18cm . Produces woody seed capsules with 1- 2 seeds.

Care: Full sun. Very hardy and drought tolerant once established. Prefers well draining soils. Prefers warmer climates.



FALSE SARSAPARILLA

Species: *Hardenbergia violacea* **Family:** Fabaceae

Description: Small climbing vine to about 1m2. Eye catching flowers in various shades of purple.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Prefer moist, well drained sandy soil.

WHITE EVERLASTING

Species: *Helichrysum elatum* **Family:** Asteraceae

Description: Erect perennial to 2 m. Stems and leaves clothed with white woolly hairs. Produces clusters of papery white flower heads.

Care: Full sun. Fast growing and low maintenance, tolerant of poor soil conditions and drought.



SNAKE VINE

Species: *Hibbertia scandens* **Family:** Dilleniaceae

Description: A robust climbing plant. Produces large yellow flowers during late spring and summer. Excellent ground cover plant.

Care: Full sun or part shade. Flowers best in full sun. Prefers well drained soil. Drought tolerant once established.

NATIVE ROSELLA

Species: *Hibiscus heterophyllus* **Family:** Malvaceae

Description: Small tree/shrub 3-6m. Produces an abundance of large flowers in a variety of colours.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Tolerates a range of soil types and climates but prefers warm moist environments.



PINK HIBISCUS

Species: *Hibiscus splendens* **Family:** Malvaceae

Description: Medium to large shrub growing 3-6m. The leaves are hairy and quite large. Flowers are large and of typical hibiscus shape.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Prefers well-drained soils. Drought and frost tolerant.



PURPLE BUSH PEA

Species: *Hovea longifolia* **Family:** Fabaceae

Description: Small shrub growing to 2m. Narrow leaves and mauve-blue pea-flowers.

Care: Part shade. Adapts to most soil types. Hardy plant that is frost tolerant. Moderate water needs.

TEA TREE

Species: *Leptospermum* sp **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Small to medium trees. White is the predominant flower colour, but there are a few species which produce pink or red flowers.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Prefers well draining acidic soils. Requires moderate amounts of water.



WHITE KAMALA

Species: *Mallotus discolor* **Family:** Euphorbiaceae

Description: Medium tree growing to 10 m. Leaves are green on top and silvery on underside. Insignificant flowers but produces large amounts of fruit.

Care: Full sun. Water every 2-3 weeks, drought tolerant once established. Does well in all soil types.

FLAX LEAVED PAPERBARK

Species: *Melaleuca trichostachya* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Medium sized bushy tree to 8m with paper bark. White flowers in cylindrical spikes to 3cm.

Care: Full sun or part Shade. Prefers moist, sandy soils.



BLACK TEA TREE

Species: *Melaleuca bracteata* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Medium sized bushy tree growing to 8m. White or cream flowers in leafy cylindrical spikes to 5 cm.

Care: Full sun. Preferring well drained soil. Very hardy plant but does require watering every 1-2 weeks.

WEeping PAPER BARK

Species: *Melaleuca leucadendra* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Large tree to 20m. The flowers are cream, white or greenish-white.

Care: Full sun. Drought tolerant once established.



HONEY MYRTLE

Species: *Melaleuca thymifolia* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Fine-leaved bushy native shrub Growing to 1m Produces purple-pink feathery flowers in summer-autumn.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Prefers well draining soils. Drought and frost tolerant once established.



BROAD-LEAVED TEA TREE

Species: *Melaleuca viridiflora* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Medium sized paperbark to 10 m. Flowers in cylindrical spikes to 10 cm, white, green, pink or red.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Tolerates a variety of soil types including waterlogged areas. Requires little watering once established.

NATIVE MURRAYA

Species: *Murraya ovatifoliolata* **Family:** Rutaceae

Description: Small shrubby tree to 4 m. Produces fragrant white flowers and red fleshy fruits.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Prefers warm, humid climates and well-drained soils. Sensitive to frost



BOWER VINE

Species: *Pandorea jasminoides* **Family:** Bignoniaceae

Description: Vigorous climbing twiner. Produces large pink trumpet-shaped flowers with maroon centres. Suitable for trellis or ground cover.

Care: Full sun or light shade. Requires a moist, fertile, well-draining soil. Water regularly.

WONGA WONGA VINE

Species: *Pandorea pandorana* **Family:** Bignoniaceae

Description: Vigorous climbing twiner. Tubular flowers come in a variety of colours from white and maroon to white and gold or brown.

Care: Full sun. Water regularly allowing the soil to dry out between waterings. Sensitive to frost.



LOVE FLOWER

Species: *Pseuderanthemum variable* **Family:** Acanthaceae

Description: Perennial plant to 30 cm but usually less. Spikes of pink to lilac tubular flowers with spreading lobes.

Care: Shade with bright indirect light. Prefers warm humid environments. Water regularly.



SWEET SUSIE

Species: *Psydrax odorata* **Family:** Rubiaceae

Description: Small to medium sized tree growing to 6 m. Attractive foliage. Produces fragrant white flowers in clusters and black fruit.

Care: Full sun. Prefers well-drained soil. Drought tolerant once established. Sensitive to frost.



PAPER DAISY

Species: *Rhodanthe sp* **Family:** Asteraceae

Description: Small clumping plant which grows flowers on tall stems to 30 cm high. A number of species come in a variety of colours.

Care: Full sun. Low to Tolerant to most soil types but prefers more fertile soils. Water regularly.



GLOSSY SHOWER

Species: *Senna surattensis* **Family:** Caesalpiaceae

Description: Small tree/shrub which uses other plants for support. Grows to 5 m. Produces attractive sprays of yellow flowers.

Care: Full sun. Prefers well draining loamy soils. Water regularly allowing soil to dry out between watering. Sensitive to frost.

NECKLACE BEAN

Species: *Sophora tomentosa* **Family:** Fabaceae

Description: Small shrubby tree Grey-green foliage. Clusters of pods necked in between seeds to give necklace effect.

Care: Full sun to part shade. Will grow even in poor soil. Tolerant of drought, salt spray and wind once established. Great for coastal regions.



SMOOTH DARLING PEA

Species: *Swainsona galegifolia* **Family:** Fabaceae

Description: Perennial growing to 1 m. Produces sprays of large pea flowers which vary from white to deep red, though most commonly mauve-pink.

Care: Full sun. Adaptable to a variety of well-drained soils. Sensitive to frost.

BLUE LILLY PILLY

Species: *Syzygium oleosum* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Small tree growing to 8m. Very aromatic. Produces showy white flowers. Fruit are blue when ripe.

Care: Part shade. Prefers rich, moist, well-drained soils. Water regularly until established.



RIBERRY LILLY PILLY

Species: *Syzygium luehmannii* **Family:** Myrtaceae

Description: Medium to large tree growing to 20 m. Young growth red or bright pink. Produces white fluffy flowers and red pear-shaped fruit.

Care: Full sun or part shade. Grows in a variety of soil types. Water regularly until established. Sensitive to frost.



WHITE BUTTERCUP

Species: *Turnera Subulata* **Family:** Passifloraceae

Description: Perennial herb growing to around 80 cm. Flowers are rounded and 3cm. Toxic to humans, dogs and cats.

Care: Full sun. Prefers well-drained rich soil. Water and fertilise regularly.



COASTAL ROSEMARY

Species: *Westringia fruticosa* **Family:** Lamiaceae

Description: Bush growing to around 2m. Dense, fine leaves and small white flowers.

Care: Full sun or part shade. Requires well draining soil. Water weekly.