Indigenous Wildlife-friendly Plants

of Inland Gardens on the Bellarine

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Weeping Grass
Microlaena stipoides var.stipoides

Foliage remains green year-round making it the perfect native substitute for lawns.



Common Tussock Grass
Poa labillardierei

Tall, densely tufted tussock reaching up to 0.8m high. Important food source for wildlife.



Wallaby Grass
Rytidosperma species

Grows during warmer months and becomes dormant in winter. Tolerates dry soil.



Kangaroo Grass
Themeda triandra

Tussock grass growing up to 1m when flowering. Important food source for wildlife.



Hedge Wattle
Acacia paradoxa

Fast growing dense shrub growing up to 4m high with abundant yellow flower heads and spiky leaves.



Sweet Wattle
Acacia suaveolens

Flower appears in later Autumn and persists during Winter. Rarely found on the Bellarine.



Black Wattle
Acacia mearnsii

Tall, spreading tree growing up to 10m high and has a trunk covered in rough dark bark.



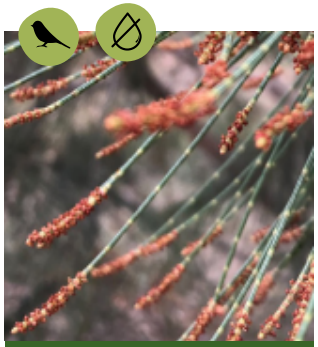
Blackwood
Acacia melanoxylon

Tree growing up to 30m high, favouring damper gullies.



Golden Wattle
Acacia pycnantha

Fast growing tree reaching up to 8m high. Australia's national floral emblem.



Black Sheoak
Allocasuarina littoralis

Slender tree with fine branchlets reaching up to 8m high.



Drooping Sheoak
Allocasuarina verticillalata

Tree growing up to 11m high. Important food source for wildlife.



Sticky Boobialla
Myoporum petiolatum

Dense shrub reaching up to 2m high and 2m wide. Young leaf growth is sticky.

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Silver Banksia
Banksia marginata

Large flowers can be seen year round. Important food source for wildlife.



Sweet Bursaria
Bursaria spinosa ssp. Spinosa

Slender plant growing up to 6m high. Important food source and shelter for wildlife.



Bellarine Yellow Gum
Eucalyptus leucoxylon ssp. Bellarinensis

A rare species only found on the Bellarine. Grows up to 15m high.



Swamp Gum
Eucalyptus ovata

Fast growing tree reaching up to 20m high. Long ribbons of bark are shed from the trunk during Summer and Autumn.



Coast Manna Gum
Eucalyptus viminalis ssp. Pryoriana

Well-branched tree reaching up to 15m high. Rough bark and narrow leaves that is a favourite for Koalas.



Bidgee Widgee
Acaena novae-zelandiae

Binds soil and therefore useful for erosion control. Tolerates dry conditions but thrives with regular moisture.



Cranberry Heath
Astroloma humifusum

Dense ground cover that grows in a variety of environments. Flowers occur year round.



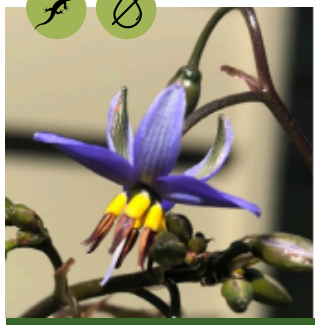
Ruby Saltbush
Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa

Shrub that can reach up to 1m high. Succulent leaves thrives in both dry and moist conditions.



Running Postman
Kennedia prostrata

Ground cover. Young plantings quickly produce large flowering displays and ease back as they mature. Can tolerate full sun.



Black Anther Flax-lily
Dianella revoluta

Long, arching, strappy leaves with blue flowers appearing in spring. Hardy plant but requires well drained sandy soil.



Pale Rush
Juncus pallidus

Small shrub that grows spindly. Best to plant in winter with lots of rain.



Spiny-headed Mat-rush
Lomandra longifolia

Hardy tuft reaching up to 2.3m high. Grows in wet areas as it needs periodic inundation for optimum growth.