



# Hills Planting Guide

## Indigenous plants of the hilly country of Golden Plains Shire

The northern and eastern parts of the Shire comprise part of the Central Victorian Uplands bioregion and were once covered in extensive open woodlands and forests which were heavily exploited during the gold rush for firewood and timber.

The dry ridges and slopes supported eucalypt forests of Red Stringybark and Broad Leaved Peppermint with a colourful shrub and wildflower understorey

The wetter and more fertile valleys host taller forest of Candlebark, Messmate, Swamp Gum and Manna Gum with a tussock grass or heathy understorey.

Remnants of these plant communities survive on roadsides, along rivers and in reserves scattered across the landscape.

When planning and planting your garden, consider using indigenous species from the area in which you live. The list on the back of this page will help you to select species most suited to your area and need.

## TREES

| Common Name              | Botanical Name               | Height | Ridges | Valleys |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Blackwood                | <i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>    | 6-30m  | ✓      | ✓       |
| Broad Leaved Peppermint  | <i>Eucalyptus dives</i>      | 20m    | ✓      | ✓       |
| Candlebark               | <i>Eucalyptus rubida</i>     | 25m    |        | ✓       |
| Manna Gum                | <i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>  | 25m    |        | ✓       |
| Messmate                 | <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>    | 20m    | ✓      |         |
| Narrow Leaved Peppermint | <i>Eucalyptus radiata</i>    | 20m    |        | ✓       |
| Swamp Gum                | <i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>      | 20m    |        | ✓       |
| Yellow Box               | <i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i> | 25m    | ✓      |         |
| Yellow Gum               | <i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i> | 25M    | ✓      |         |

## SMALL TREES/SHRUBS

| Common Name            | Botanical Name                  | Height | Ridges | Valleys |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Austral Indigo         | <i>Indigofera australis</i>     | 2m     | ✓      |         |
| Black Wattle           | <i>Acacia mearnsii</i>          | 10m    | ✓      | ✓       |
| Hop Wattle             | <i>Acacia stricta</i>           | 3m     | ✓      |         |
| Kangaroo Apple         | <i>Solanum lacinatedum</i>      | 2m     | ✓      | ✓       |
| Myrtle Wattle          | <i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>        | 1.5m   | ✓      | ✓       |
| Narrow Leaf Bitter Pea | <i>Daviesia leptophylla</i>     | 1.5m   | ✓      |         |
| Prickly Currant Bush   | <i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>      | 2m     |        | ✓       |
| Sweet Bursaria         | <i>Bursaria spinosa</i>         | 7m     |        | ✓       |
| Silver Banksia         | <i>Banksia marginata</i>        | 5m     | ✓      |         |
| Silver Wattle          | <i>Acacia dealbata</i>          | 8m     |        | ✓       |
| Tree Violet            | <i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>     | 2m     | ✓      |         |
| Silky Tea Tree         | <i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i> | 2m     |        | ✓       |

## SMALL SHRUBS/GROUND COVERS

| Common Name            | Botanical Name               | Height  | Ridges | Valleys |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Black-anther Flax-lily | <i>Dianella revoluta</i>     | 50cm    | ✓      | ✓       |
| Blue Pincushion        | <i>Brunonia australis</i>    | 20cm    | ✓      | ✓       |
| Bulbine Lily           | <i>Bulbine bulbosa</i>       | 40cm    |        | ✓       |
| Chocolate Lily         | <i>Arthropodium strictum</i> | 60cm    | ✓      |         |
| Common Cassinia        | <i>Cassinia aculeata</i>     | 3m      | ✓      | ✓       |
| Common Tussock Grass   | <i>Poa labillardierei</i>    | 1m      |        | ✓       |
| Common Correa          | <i>Correa reflexa</i>        | 1m      | ✓      |         |
| Creeping Bossia        | <i>Bossiaea prostrata</i>    | Creeper | ✓      | ✓       |
| Golden Bush Pea        | <i>Pultenaea gunni</i>       | 1.5m    | ✓      |         |
| Hop Goodenia           | <i>Goodenia ovata</i>        | 1m      |        | ✓       |
| Kangaroo Grass         | <i>Themeda triandra</i>      | 50cm    | ✓      | ✓       |
| Purple Coral Pea       | <i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> | Creeper | ✓      |         |
| Running Postman        | <i>Kennedia prostrata</i>    | Creeper | ✓      |         |
| Small Grass-tree       | <i>Xanthorrhoea minor</i>    | 1.2m    | ✓      |         |
| Spiny headed Mat Rush  | <i>Lomandra longifolia</i>   | 45cm    | ✓      |         |