



# Plains and Rivers Planting Guide

## Indigenous plants of the plains and rivers of Golden Plains Shire

The southern part of the Shire comprises part of the Victorian Volcanic Plains bioregion and was once predominately open native grassland with areas of open woodland and fertile river valleys and flats.

The native grasslands were dominated by Kangaroo, Wallaby and Spear grasses interspersed with native daisies and orchids. These grasslands were largely treeless.

Open grassy woodlands consisted of scattered River Red Gums, Drooping She Oak and in more fertile areas, Manna Gum with a grassy, tussock understorey.

Along river valleys, characteristic stands of magnificent River Red Gums and Blackwoods could be found with a shrub or tussock grass understorey.

Remnants of these plant communities survive on roadsides, along rivers and in small 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	Plains	Rivers
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	6-30m	✓	✓
Manna Gum	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	25m	✓	✓
River Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	25m	✓	✓
Yellow Box	<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>	25m	✓	
Yellow Gum	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i>	25M	✓	

## SMALL TREES/SHRUBS

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Plains	Rivers
Black She-oak	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	10m	✓	
Drooping She-oak	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	10m	✓	
Golden Wattle	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	5m	✓	
Wedge-leaf Hopbush	<i>Dodonea viscosa</i>	2m	✓	
Hemp Bush	<i>Gynatrix pulchella</i>	2m		✓
Lightwood	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	5-15m	✓	✓
Sweet Bursaria	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	7m	✓	✓
Silver Banksia	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	5m	✓	
Tree Violet	<i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>	2m	✓	
Woolly Tea Tree	<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	3m		✓

## SMALL SHRUBS/GROUND COVERS

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Plains	Rivers
Black-anther Flax-lily	<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	50cm	✓	✓
Bulbine Lily	<i>Bulbine bulbosa</i>	40cm	✓	✓
Small leaf Clematis	<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	climber	✓	✓
Common Everlasting	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	30cm	✓	
Common Tussock Grass	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	1m	✓	✓
Drooping Cassinia	<i>Cassinia arcuata</i>	3m	✓	✓
Fragrant Saltbush	<i>Rhagodia parabolica</i>	30cm	✓	
Hoary Sunray	<i>Leucochrysum albicans</i>	45cm	✓	
Hop Goodenia	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	70cm	✓	✓
Kangaroo Apple	<i>Solanum lacinatedum</i>	2m	✓	✓
Lemon Beauty Heads	<i>Calocephalus citreus</i>	40cm	✓	
Milky Beauty Heads	<i>Calocephalus lacteus</i>	20cm	✓	
Native tobacco	<i>Nicotinea suaveolens</i>	50cm	✓	
Pink Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus erubescens</i>	30cm	✓	
Plume Grass	<i>Dichelachne crinita</i>	70cm	✓	
Kangaroo Grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	50cm	✓	✓
Running Postman	<i>Kennedia prostrate</i>	5cm	✓	✓
Showy Parrot Pea	<i>Dillwynia serecia</i>	50cm	✓	✓
Spiny headed Mat Rush	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	45cm	✓	
Tall Bluebell	<i>Wahlenbergia stricta</i>	60cm	✓	
Velvet Tussock Grass	<i>Poa morissii</i>	30cm	✓	