

# INDIGENOUS PLANTS FOR GARDENS



## Key

### Water requirements



Dry areas



Moderate water



Damp soil

### Height - varies with different growing conditions



Can cope with a range of conditions

### Soil Types – Suitable for sandstone or clay soils



Suitable

### Light requirements



Full sun



Part sun



Shaded areas

### Hedge – achieved with careful pruning



Suited

## Local Native Plant Suppliers

### Bunya Native Nursery

658 Old Northern Road, Dural

Trading Hours: By appointment only

Phone: 0423 058 797

### Cicada Glen Nursery

1 Chiltern Road, Ingleside

Trading Hours: Tuesday- Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm

Phone: 0403 974 793

### Harvest Seeds and Native Plants

281 Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills

Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am to 3pm

Phone: 9450 2699

### Indigo Nursery

Lot 57 Wattle rd, Ingleside

Trading Hours: Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4pm

Phone: 9970 8709

### Ku-ring-gai Nursery











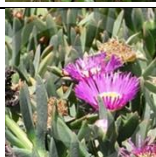






































Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden,

420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives










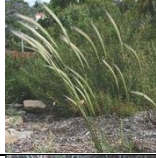
































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Trading Hours: 7 days a week from  
10am to 4pm.









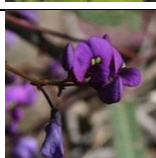





















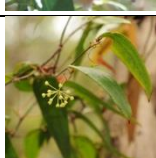




## Ground Covers and Ferns

Photo	Plant name	Description	height	sun	water	sand	shale
	<i>Actinotus helianthi</i> Flannel Flower	Erect annual or perennial herb, with woolly leaves and flowers.	<90 cm		 		
	<i>Asplenium australasicum</i> Birds Nest Fern	Spreading fronds can reach about 3m in diameter. Grow on the ground, trees or rocks.	1m		 	epiphyte	
	<i>Carpobrotus glaucescens</i> Pigface	a prostrate, creeping succulent that is at its best in summer.	<30cm				
	<i>Dichondra repens</i> Kidney Weed	Perennial herb with creeping stems and small kidney shaped leaves.	<20cm				
	<i>Doodia aspera</i> Prickly Rasp Fern	New fronds are bright pink turning to green. Prefers organic rich well drained soils.	50cm				
	<i>Platycerium bifurcatum</i> Elkhorn Fern	Growing on tree trunks and branches or fences	1-2m			epiphyte	
	<i>Pratia purpurascens</i> White Root	A small green leafy herb with white to light purple flowers	<20cm				
	<i>Pseuderanthemum variable</i> Pastel Flower	Perennial herb with white to mauve flowers.	<30cm				
	<i>Scaevola aemula</i> Fairy Fan Flower	Perennial herb with purple, blue or mauve fan shape flowers.	<50cm				
	<i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i> Warrigal greens, New Zealand spinach	It is a prostrate, sprawling plant with soft foliage and stems which can spread to 2m.	<50cm				
	<i>Viola hederacea</i> Native Violets	Compact perennial groundcover with bright green foliage with mauve and white flowers.	<20cm				

## Strappy Plants and Grasses

Photo	Plant name	Description	height	sun	water	sand	shale
	<i>Blandfordia nobilis</i> Christmas Bells	Stiff grassy leaves form compact clumps with spikes of red and yellow bell flowers.	<90cm	 			✓
	<i>Dianella caerulea</i> Blue Flax Lily	Tufted perennial herb with tall spikes of blue flowers followed by blue fruit.	<120cm	 	 	✓	✓
	<i>Dichelachne crinita</i> Longhair Plumegrass	Green tufted foliage with tall upright seed heads that often have a purple tinge.	<90cm			✓	✓
	<i>Ficinea nodosa</i> Knobby Club Rush	Fast growing perennial plant forms clumps of upright dark green stems.	<1m		 	✓	✓
	<i>Gahnia sp</i> Saw-sedges	Leaves have sharp edges. The flowering spikes make excellent floral decoration.	1-2m	 	 	✓	✓
	<i>Juncus usitatus</i> Common Rush	Delicate upright green stems that weep over time. Perfect for wet areas of the garden.	<90cm	 	 	✓	✓
	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i> Spiny-headed Mat-rush	Spiky tufted perennial herb with sweet scented spiky flowers.	<1m	 	 	✓	✓
	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> Weeping Grass	Long delicate drooping seed heads. Good as lawn grass.	<50cm	 		✓	✓
	<i>Themeda triandra</i> Kangaroo Grass	Leaves are green to grey drying to an orange brown in summer with weeping flower spikelets.	<120cm				✓
	<i>Xanthorrhoea sp</i> Grass trees	Only buy plants which have been legally obtained. They are long lived and slow growing.	1-3m	 		✓	✓


































































## Vines and Creepers












Photo	Plant name	Description	sun	water	sand	shale
	<i>Billardiera scandens</i> Apple Berry	Light climbers or small shrubs, white/light green flowers are followed by green, fleshy fruits.				
	<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i> Wombat Berry	Vigorous twining plant with small white flowers and orange fruit.				
	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> False Sarsaparilla	Hardy perennial climber and sometimes growing as a shrub. Many cultivars are sold in nurseries.				
	<i>Hibertia scandens</i> Climbing Guinea Flower	Vigorous climber with dark green foliage and vivid yellow flowers.				
	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i> Running Postman	Vigorous twining or sometimes prostrate herb with red and black flowers.				
	<i>Gynochthodes jasminoides</i> Sweet Morinda	Climber or scrambling shrub, white and yellow sweetly perfumed flowers followed by orange fruit				
	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i> Wonga Wonga Vine	Woody scrambler or climber with twining branches and bunches of bell shaped flowers.				
	<i>Smilax glyciphylla</i> Sweet Sarsaparilla	A slender climbing vine with small white flowers. Tendrils coiling up to 8 cm long.				




















## Shrubs

Photo	Plant name	Description	hedge	height	sun	water	sand	shale
	<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i> Myrtle Wattle	Erect or spreading shrub with red/brown new growth.		0.5–3m	 		✓	
	<i>Acacia terminalis</i> Sunshine Wattle	Open, erect or spreading shrub with dark green foliage.		3m			✓	✓
	<i>Austromyrtus tenuifolia</i> Narrow leafed myrtle, Narrow-leafed Midgenberry	Hardy plant with masses of white flowers then producing small fruit. Prune to keep it dense.		2m				✓
	<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i> Fern-leaved Banksia	Very hardy and slow growing multi stemmed plant. Rusty velvet new growth.		3m	 		✓	
	<i>Banksia spinulosa</i> Hair-pin Banksia	Usually a compact dense shrub with many showy orange flower spikes.		3m	 			✓
	<i>Baeckea linifolia</i> Weeping baeckea	Graceful weeping shrub with white flowers and fine leaves.		2m	 	 	✓	✓
	<i>Callistemon linearis</i> Narrow-leaved Bottlebrush	Hardy shrub with thin rigid leaves and pale red/ burnt orange flowers.		3m		 	✓	
	<i>Crowea saligna</i> Crowea	Slender shrub with vibrant pink flowers in late summer.		<1.5m	 		✓	
	<i>Correa alba</i> White Correa	Grey-green oval shaped leaves, with the undersurface light grey.		1.5m			✓	
	<i>Correa reflexa</i> Native Fuchsia	Hardy shrub with dark green foliage and tubular bell- shaped flowers.		1-3m	 			✓
	<i>Grevillea buxifolia</i> Grey Spider Flower	This is a tough plant with hairy pink grey flowers with firm sage green leaves.		1-2.5m			✓	
	<i>Grevillea linearifolia</i> White Spider Flower	Open upright dainty spreading shrub with slender leaves.		80cm-3m			✓	✓

	<i>Grevillea sericea</i> Spider Flower	Hardy plant for smaller gardens adapting to most well drained soils.		1-3m				
	<i>Grevillea speciosa</i> Red Spider Flower	A shrub that can be tall and upright or low and bushy.		80cm-3m				
	<i>Hakea dactyloides</i> Broad-leaved Hakea	Useful as a screen with flowers in thick clusters along the stems.		1-3m				
	<i>Hakea sericea</i> Bushy Needlebush	Very spiky plant with small white flowers, forming woody globular seed pods.		1-3m				
	<i>Indigofera australis</i> Austral Indigo	Open erect spreading shrub with sprays of pink to purplish flowers.		1-2.5m				
	<i>Isopogon anemonifolius</i> Broad-leaved Drumsticks	Unusual foliage and yellow flowers make this plant a good feature in a garden.		1-2m				
	<i>Leptospermum squarrosum</i> Peach Blossom Tea-tree	Makes an excellent informal hedge with pale pink flowers along its stems.		1-3m				
	<i>Petrophile pulchella</i> Conesticks	Unusual foliage and yellow flowers make this plant a good feature in a garden.		2-3m				
	<i>Philotheca myoporoides</i> Long Leaf Wax Flower	long flowering season of small but showy pale flowers.		1.5m				
	<i>Pultenaea daphnoides</i> Large-leaf Bush-pea	Dense clusters bright yellow pea flowers with red centres at the end of the stems.		2-3m				
	<i>Pultenaea stipularis</i> Handsome Bush-pea	Clusters of bright yellow flowers with fine soft needle like leaves.		1-2m				
	<i>Prostanthera incisa</i> Cut-leaved Mint-Bush	Attractive, small shrub for sun or semi shade.		2m				
	<i>Telopea speciosissima</i> Waratah	Can be difficult to grow but makes a spectacular feature plant.		3m				























	<i>Viminaria juncea</i> Native Broom	Slender pendulous, leafless branches and sprays of yellow flowers in spring.		1-5m		 		
	<i>Zieria smithii</i> Sandfly Zieria	Erect robust shrub with strong scented leaves and clusters of white flowers.		2m		 		

## Large shrubs and Small trees <8m

Photo	Plant name	Description	Hedge	height	sun	water	sand	shale
	<i>Acacia linifolia</i> Flax-leaved Wattle	Graceful erect or spreading shrub with cream coloured flowers.		1.5-4m				
	<i>Angophora hispida</i> Dwarf Apple	Mallee or tree with grey, fibrous-flaky and masses of cream flowers.		7m				
	<i>Banksia ericifolia</i> Heath-leaved Banksia	Dense, tall bushy shrub or small tree with spikes of yellow to reddish-orange.		2-5m				
	<i>Banksia robur</i> Swamp Banksia	Shrub with several stems arising from a lignotuber.		1-4m		 		
	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> Crimson Bottlebrush	The bottlebrush can be used for a large hedge (trimmed hard).		4m				
	<i>Ceratopetalum gummiferum</i> Christmas Bush	Tall shrub or small tree producing white flowers that turn red in December.		8m				
	<i>Tristania neriifolia</i> Water Gum	Hardy plant with clusters of yellow flowers.		<4m		 		



## Trees

Photo	Plant name	Description	height	sun	water	sand	shale
	<i>Acmena smithii</i> Lilly Pilly	When hedged, Lilly Pilly can be a dense hedge that can be maintained to 4m tall by 2-3m broad.	15-20m				
	<i>Angophora costata</i> Sydney Red Gum	Attractive smooth, pink to orange to dull pink-grey bark, weathering to grey.	30m				
	<i>Banksia serrata</i> Old Man Banksia	Slow growing tree with grey knobbly bark with large ridged yellow flowers.	15m				
	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> Coast Banksia	A fast growing tree, generally a narrow upright tree that is tolerant of a wide range of soil types.	15m				
	<i>Corymbia gummifera</i> Red Bloodwood	The bark is dark grey-brown, cracked and scaly, covering the whole tree. Flowers in white clusters.	30m				
	<i>Eucalyptus heamastoma</i> Scribbly Gum	Bark smooth, with scribbles, white or grey or yellow, shedding in short ribbons.	15m				
	<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> Turpentine	Tall tree with fibrous to stringy bark. Produces masses of white flowers.	30m				
	<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i> Kanooka or Water Gum	Slow growing and compact shade tree with cream to yellow flowers in summer.	5-20m can reach 30m		