



Horsham Rural City Council

Rural Revegetation Program 2023

Species Identification





Welcome to the 2023 Rural Revegetation Program

Planting indigenous species improves habitat for native wildlife and birds. As they are already adapted to local conditions, choosing indigenous species can increase plant survival rates, save money by increasing plant numbers through natural regeneration, and reduce ongoing water use once plants are established. This guide will assist you in selecting plant species that are available this year through Council's annual program.

The 2023 order form and information on how to order plants is available from the Council Office, Roberts Ave Horsham or the Council website www.hrcc.vic.gov.au.

For further information on this program, please contact Chris Vincent, Environmental Resource Officer on 0418 574 862.



Shrubs (up to 4m)



***Acacia brachybotrya* (Grey Mulga)**

The dense, spreading shrub with a rounded habit typically grows to a height of 1 to 3 metres (3.3 to 9.8 ft)[3] and often wider.



***Acacia farinosa* (Mealy Wattle)**

The dense, spreading shrub with a rounded habit typically grows to a height of 1 to 2 metres (3.3 to 6.6 ft)[3]. Flowers between August and October.



***Bursaria spinosa* (Sweet Bursaria)**

Bursaria spinosa is a medium to large shrub or small tree, growing to 5–10 metres high. Height can vary based on habitat; the coastal forms are known for being rather tall, while those found in subalpine areas can be almost prostrate.



***Callistemon rugulosus* (Scarlet Bottlebrush)**

Bushy shrub (3m+). Rosy red flowers with yellow tips in cylindrical spikes (summer). Frost tolerant. Erosion control. Attractive to honey eating birds. All soil types.



***Dodonaea viscosa* (Sticky Hop Bush)**

Small shrub (1-3m). An ornamental bushy shrub with a broadly linear leaf of deep purple to bronze. Frost tolerant. Suitable for windbreaks. All soil types.



***Hakea tephrosperma* (Hooked Needlewood)**

Shrub or tree 1-8m high, new growth is a rusty colour and flowers are creamy.



***Leptospermum continentale* (Prickly Tea Tree)**

A variable shrub to 2 m high, sometimes taller (up to 10m), by 2 m across. The lanceolate leaves are about 1 cm long. The white or rarely pale pink flowers are 1 cm in diameter



***Melaleuca wilsonii* (Violet Honey Myrtle)**

Rigid, untidy shrub (1-3m). Heavy, sandy soils. Pink- purple flowers (Oct-Dec). Seed capsules become embedded in thickened woody stem. Bird attracting. Tolerates frost, dry conditions. Sandy/loamy soils. Erosion control.



Large Shrubs / Small Trees (4m-10m)

***Acacia mearnsii* (Late Black Wattle)**

Fast growing tree (sometimes) to 15m. Smooth bark that often exudes gum. Pale yellow flowers Oct - Dec. Wide range of soil types.



***Acacia pycnantha* (Golden Wattle)**

Small, loosely branched tree (3-8m). Suits most soils. Fast growing. Bird attracting. Tolerates frost and poor drainage. Fire retardant. Suitable for windbreaks. Australia's floral emblem. All soil types.



***Acacia retinodes* (Wirilda Wattle)**

A tall, hardy shrub or small tree growing to 6m in height. Thrives in poorly drained soils in a sunny position.



***Banksia marginata* (Silver Banksia)**

Shrub or tree up to c. 12 m high; bark thin, brown; branchlets with spreading and/or short curled hairs. Suitable for well drained soils.



***Callistemon viminalis* (Weeping Bottlebrush)**

Shrub to small tree (generally 1-4m), larger specimens to 10m possible in good conditions. Abundant bright red flowers in the spring. Bird attracting. All soil types.



***Eucalyptus behriana* (Bull Mallee)**

Small tree (to 6m). Tolerates dry conditions and salt. Firewood potential. Sandy/loamy soils.



***Melaleuca halmaturorum* (Salt Paperbark)**

Shrub or small tree (3-8m). Whitish flowers (Oct - Dec). Clay and sandy/loamy soils. Tolerates frost, salt, poor drainage and dry conditions. Erosion control.



***Melaleuca lanceolata* (Moonah)**

Bushy shrub or low-branching small tree (1-8m). White-cream, cylindrical flowers (Dec- Mar). Any soil types.



Trees (10m and over)

***Acacia melanoxydon* (Blackwood)**

Medium to tall tree (to 30m). Pale creamy flowers during Aug-October. Wide range of soils but prefers a moist site. Potential firewood and furniture timber.



***Allocasuarina luehmannii* (Buloke)**

Dull green erect tree to 15 m tall. Straight trunk with dark furrowed bark. Upright branchlets approximately 40 cm long.



***Allocasuarina verticillata* (Drooping She-oak)**

Tree (5-10m). Frost and salt tolerant. Fire retardant. Fire- wood potential. All soil types.



***Eucalyptus largiflorens* (Black Box)**

Small to medium sized tree (10-20m). Clay soils (prefers some inundation). Tolerates frost, salt, poor drainage and dry conditions. Slow growing. Firewood potential.



***Eucalyptus leucoxylon* (Yellow Gum)**

Medium tree (10-30m). White, cream, pink or red flowers (May-Dec). Tolerates frost, salt and dry conditions. Fast growing. Firewood potential. Bird attracting. Suitable for windbreaks. All soil types.



***Eucalyptus melliodora* (Yellow Box)**

Medium tree (10-30m). Fragrant white-cream flowers (Sept - Feb). Firewood potential. Bird attracting. Suitable for windbreaks. All soil types. Prefers well drained acidic soils.



***Eucalyptus microcarpa* (Grey Box)**

Typically Y shaped tree (10-25m). Tolerates frost, salt, poor drainage and dry conditions. Slow growing. Firewood potential. All soil types.



***Eucalyptus ovata* (Swamp Gum)**

This Australian native tree is a fast growing upright gum. It has a moderately dense canopy. Flowers are white and clustered together from March to June. Attracts native birds and insects.

References:

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