

TOPIC: Local Australian Plant Species for your Garden

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- A very wide range of genera which will grow across the Blackall Range
- Hence a hot spot for biodiversity

Banksias:

Banksia aemula; oblongifolia; robur – grows to 3m. Flowers start green then open to touch of red and finally brown.

Banksia spinulosa var. collina

cunninghamii

spinulosa – long thin needles provide a beautiful effect of sculpture

B.integrifolia subsp. compar

monticola

integrifolia

Grevilleas:

- i. Grevillea banksia – usually red and sometimes white, grows to 3m, long flowering, found on sides of roads going to Brisbane.
- ii. Grevillea leiophylla – mauve flowering ground cover grows all year

Hakeas:

- i. Hakea plurinerva – white soft bunchy scented flowers, long stems
- ii. Hakea salicicola – masses of creamy white scented flowers in spring

Melaleuca:

- i. Melaleuca thymifolia – also known as Thyme Honey Myrtle, a small aromatic shrub with clusters of soft flowers that change from dark purple to pale purple to white to pink.
- ii. Melaleuca linariifolia
- iii. Melaleuca nodosa
- iv. Melaleuca quinquenervia

Acacia:

- i. Acacia attenuate – hard to get in nurseries
- ii. Acacia complanata – like a Christmas decoration
- iii. Acacia fimbriata – spectacular in flower

Creepers:

- i. Goodenia rotundifolia – ground cover with tiny yellow flowers
- ii. Hardenbergia violacea – false sarsaparilla
- iii. Kennedia rubicunda – unusual dusky pink to red flowers
- iv. Pandorea – pandoranna – Wengo Vine or Snow Bells
- v. Passiflora aurantia – encourages stingless bees and butterflies

Additional species:

Boronia keysii – small knee high bush with fragrant foliage and bright pink flowers

Brachyscome Formosa – small daisy

Dampiera Diversifolia – a ground cover with masses of royal purple flowers in spring & summer

Darwinia citriodora – lemon scented, red, yellow green flowered from July to January

Dendrobium kingianum – pink rock orchid

Hibbertia vestita – 30cm high with brilliant yellow masses flowers

Hibiscus heterophyllus – 3-6 m high, Native Rosella, edible flowers, white with maroon centre

Hibiscus splendens – large shrub, hairy leaves, flowers are pink with deep red centre

Hovea acutifolia – medium shrub, mass of purple pea-shaped flowers in winter months

Kunzea capitata – small shrub, pink bottlebrush like flowers

Leptospermum polygalifolium – medium shrub, profuse with flowers

Patersonia glabrata – native iris

Pelargonium austral – delicate white petalled flowers with cerise veins, will often self sow

Phebalium Woombye – small shrub, aromatic foliage, white flowers, brown buds

Scaevola albida – white fan flower ground cover, also pink, blue. Can be easily bought at nurseries

Lilly-Pilly:

- i. Acmena smithii – bird attracting tree with white fragrant flowers
- ii. Syzygium luehmannii – popular bush tucker plant, also good for hedging
- iii. Wilsonii – Powder Puff Lilly Pilly