

# Native plants of the Cataract Gorge Reserve

A guide to gorgeous flora  
you can grow at home.



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

## A guide

This brochure intends to show you the many plants of Launceston's Cataract Gorge so you may grow the same species in your own backyard.

## Why use local native plants in your garden?

- They are beautiful and represent Australia's diverse natural heritage
- They grow well because they are adapted to the local soils and climate
- Once established, many are low maintenance, reducing the need for fertilisers and water
- Native marsupials, birds and insects need them to survive

## Garden design tips

- Determine your garden's conditions: sun, shade, soil types, soil moisture, aspect and topography and choose plants that suit your garden – this saves you time and money
- Think about the eventual size of the plant to ensure it will fit the position
- Choose plants of varying heights to create a multi layered effect, such as ground covers, small shrubs, large shrubs and small trees planted together
- Think about what colours and foliage types you like. With a bit of planning you can have your garden in flower all year round
- When planting near powerlines, choose shrubs that will NOT grow to a height greater than four metres

## Notes on using this brochure...

The following photographs are grouped into the three forest layers you will find in most bushland areas:

**Tree layer** – sometimes referred to as the canopy

**Shrub layer** – taller part of the understorey

**Ground layer** – includes climbers, grasses, lilies, orchids, herbs and small shrubs in the understorey.

Use the symbols next to each photo to identify the plants that suit your needs.

# Legend

## Form

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**Shrub**  
up to 2.5m



**Large shrub**  
2.5m or more



**Small tree**  
5-10m



**Tree**  
10m or more



**Ground cover**  
trailing or  
suckering



**Grasses/tufts**  
clumping or  
tuft forming



**Climbers**  
climbing or  
scrambling

## Sunlight

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**Full sun**



**Partial or  
dappled shade**



**Full shade for  
most of the day**

## Water

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**Dry**  
will withstand  
dry conditions



**Moist/well drained**  
tolerates moist conditions  
but needs good drainage



**Wet**  
will tolerate wet  
conditions

## Other

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**Bird**  
habitat or supply of nectar, seeds or berries

### Please be aware that:

- Common names may vary from those listed here. Be aware that some plants have one or more sub-species so check with your local nursery
- This brochure is not a comprehensive list of local native plants
- The plant descriptions are general and may vary in different conditions

# Ground Layer



## Apple-Berry

*Billardiera mutabilis*

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



## Bulbine Lily

*Bulbine bulbosa*

Suitable for rockeries, borders and general understorey

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



## Common Everlasting

*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*

Commonly found in dry woodlands and coastal heaths

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer

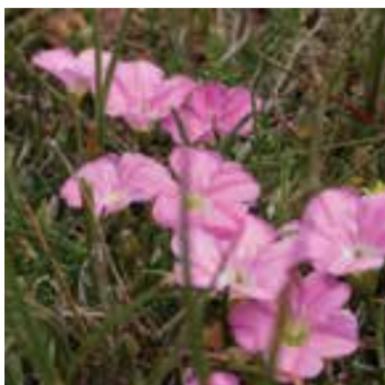


## Pleasant Clematis

*Clematis clitorioides*

**Flowering:** Summer





### Pink Bindweed

*Convolvulus angustissimus*

Suitable ground cover or container plant

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



### Blue Flax Lily

*Dianella revoluta*

**Flowering:** Summer



### Kidney Weed

*Dichondra repens*

Suitable lawn substitute or between stepping stones

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



### White Flag Iris

*Diplarrena moraea*

**Flowering:** Spring





## Common Heath

*Epacris impressa*

Suitable container plant but needs to be tip-pruned regularly

**Flowering:** Autumn, Winter



## Creeping Baeckea

*Euryomyrtus ramosissima*

Suitable rockery or container plant

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



## Erect Guinea Flower

*Hibbertia riparia*

**Flowering:** Spring



## Running Postman

*Kennedia prostrata*

Suitable for rock gardens, retaining walls and containers

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer





### Scaly Buttons

*Leptorhynchos squamatus*

Suitable rockery plant

**Flowering:** Summer



### Sagg

*Lomandra longifolia*

Common in dry open forest and useful for erosion control

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



### Native Geranium

*Pelargonium australe*

Suitable border or rockery plant

**Flowering:** Summer



### Candles

*Stackhousia monogyna*

Found in open forests

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer





### Trigger Plant

*Stylidium graminifolium*

Suitable for rockeries, borders and general understorey

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



### Black Eyed Susan

*Tetratheca pilosa*

**Flowering:** Spring



## Other ground layer native plants of the Gorge

### Botanical name

*Rytidosperma caespitosum*

*Brunonia australis*

*Carex appressa; inversa; longebrachiata*

*Clematis gentianoides*

*Dianella tasmanica*

*Dichelachne crinita*

*Ehrharta stipoides*

*Juncus pallidus; pauciflorus*

*Linum marginale*

*Poa labillardierei; mollis; rodwayi*

*Lobelia pedunculata*

*Stellaria pungens*

*Themeda triandra*

### Common name

Common wallaby grass

Blue pincushion

Tall sedge, Knob sedge, Drooping sedge

Ground Clematis

Tasman flax lily

Long hair plume grass

Weeping grass

Pale rush, Loose flower rush

Wild flax

Tussock grass, Soft tussock grass, Rodway's poa

Purple matted lobelia

Prickly starwort

Kangaroo grass

# Shrub Layer



## Prickly Box

*Bursaria spinosa*

Flowering: Summer



## Fringe Myrtle

*Calytrix tetragona*

Flowering: Spring



## Dolly Bush

*Cassinia aculeata*

Flowering: Summer



## Native Currant

*Coprosma quadrifida*

Flowering: Summer





## Green Correa

*Correa reflexa*

Flowering: Spring

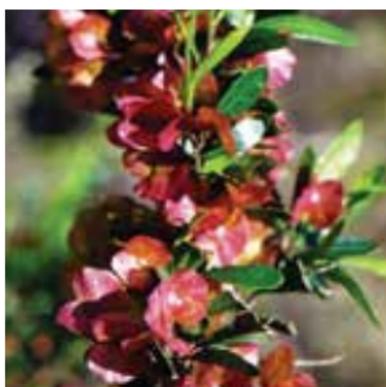


## Bitter Leaf

*Daviesia latifolia*

Attracts butterflies

Flowering: Spring



## Native Hop

*Dodonaea viscosa*

Suitable screen and shelter shrub

Flowering: Summer



## Native Indigo

*Indigofera australis*

Flowering: Spring





## Woolly Tea-tree

*Leptospermum lanigerum*

Suitable screen and shelter shrub

**Flowering:** Summer



## Guitar Plant

*Lomatia tinctoria*

Endemic to Tasmania

**Flowering:** Spring



## Yellow Bottlebrush

*Melaleuca pallida*

Suitable screen and shelter shrub

**Flowering:** Spring, Summer



## Variable Daisy Bush

*Olearia phlogopappa*

**Flowering:** Spring





## Yellow Dogwood

*Pomaderris pilifera*

Flowering: Spring



## Round-leaved Mint Bush

*Prostanthera rotundifolia*

Suitable screen and shelter shrub

Flowering: Spring



## Kangaroo Apple

*Solanum laciniatum*

Egg shaped orange fruits.

Flowering: Spring, Summer



## Other shrub layer native plants of the Gorge

Botanical name

*Bedfordia salicina*

*Beyeria viscosa*

*Gahnia grandis*

*Grevillea australis*

*Hakea microcarpa*

*Melicytus dentatus*

*Micranthemum hexandrum*

*Olearia argophylla*

*Oleria ramulosa*

*Pomaderris apetala*

*Rubus parvifolius*

*Veronica formosa*

Common name

Bedfordia or Blanketleaf

Pinkwood

Cutting grass

Honey grevillea

Tiny devil hakea

Tree violet

Drum micranthemum  
or River trident bush

Musk

Daisy bush

Dogwood

Tasmanian raspberry

Handsome beauty or Speedwell bush

# Tree Layer



## Blackwood

*Acacia melanoxylon*

Flowering: Spring



## Black Sheoak

*Allocasuarina littoralis*

Suitable ornamental and shelter tree

Flowering: Spring



## Silver Banksia

*Banksia marginata*

Flowering: Spring



## Swamp Paperbark

*Melaleuca ericifolia*

Suitable screen plant

Flowering: Spring, Summer





### Satinwood

*Nematolepis squamea*

Suitable hedge and screening plant

Flowering: Spring



### Native Olive

*Notelaea ligustrina*

Flowering: Spring



## Other tree layer native plants of the Gorge

### Botanical name

*Acacia dealbata*

*Acacia mearnsii*

*Allocasuarina verticillata*

*Eucalyptus amygdalina*

*Eucalyptus viminalis*

### Common name

Silver wattle

Black wattle

Sheoak

Black peppermint

White gum

# More information

## Further reading

***Guide to Flowers and Plants of Tasmania***

Launceston Field Naturalists Club

***Woodland Wildflowers of Tasmania & Coastal Plants of Tasmania***

Australian Plant Society Tasmania

***Native trees of Tasmania***

Kirkpatrick, JB & Backhouse, S

***The Nature of the Midlands***

Midlands Bushweb

## Websites

The Understorey Network:

[www.understorey-network.org.au](http://www.understorey-network.org.au)

Australian Plants Society Northern Group:

[www.apstasnorth.org](http://www.apstasnorth.org)

Greening Australia Tasmania:

[www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/TAS/](http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/TAS/)

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