

Native plants of the Cataract Gorge Reserve

A guide to gorgeous flora
you can grow at home.



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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



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



Full sun



**Partial or
dappled shade**



**Full shade for
most of the day**

Water



Dry
will withstand
dry conditions



Moist/well drained
tolerates moist conditions
but needs good drainage



Wet
will tolerate wet
conditions

Other



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

Tetralochea 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

Micrantheum 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 micrantheum
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

Australian Plants Society Northern Group:

www.apstasnorth.org

Greening Australia Tasmania:

www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/TAS/

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