

Native Plants for Pots and Small Gardens - Summary List
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Adiantum aethiopicum – Maiden hair fern. Hardy, but needs shelter and soil moisture.

Alpinia caerulea – Native ginger – Beautiful foliage, low care, lush tropical look.

Austromyrtus dulcis – Midyen berry – Low shrub with edible berries, sun or light shade.

Banksia 'Birthday Candles' – Best dwarf banksia reaching maximum 60cm high. Slow growing.

Banksia integrifolia – Coast banksia These banksia are suitable for screening. Pruning improves

Banksia robur – Swamp banksia density of growth and flowering, plus controls height.

Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina Bird attracting.

Breynia oblongifolia*, *B. nivosa rosea*, *B. 'Ironstone' – Fern-like foliage in green, variegated or maroon.

Callistemon 'Captain Cook'*, *'Little John'*, *'Rose Opal' – Bottlebrush prefer clay soil. Cope with wet soil.

Casuarina 'Cousin It'* and *'Free Fall' - Hanging baskets, groundcover, cascade over retaining walls. Hardy.

Citrus australasica 'Rainforest Pearl' - Grafted finger lime.

Citrus hybrid 'Red Centre Lime' – Round fruit with burnt orange skin and coloured flesh.

Crysocephalum 'Desert Flame' – Golden yellow flowers, silver foliage, groundcover, hanging baskets, pots.

Doodia aspera – Prickly rasp fern – Exceptionally hardy garden or potted fern.

Eucalyptus curtisii – Plunkett mallee – Local, endemic, multi-trunked small tree.

Eucalyptus 'Summer Beauty'*, *'Summer Red' - Grafted hybrids. Need moisture. Cope with clay soil.

Eucalyptus eximia nana*, *E. conglomerata*, *E. kabiana*, *E. bancroftii – All small growing.

Graptophyllum ilicifolium – Native fuchsia – Holly-like foliage, drought hardy with crimson flowers.

Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon', – small, dense and bushy with tip pruning.

Grevillea 'Peaches and Cream'*, *'Dorothy Gordon' – taller and suited to dense screening.

Grevillea 'Honey Gem'*, *'Misty Pink'*, *'Moonlight'*, *'Superb'*, *'Sylvia' – tall, suitable for light screening.

Grevillea 'Lemon Supreme'- Small lemon flowers, copes with light shade better than other types.

Hovea acutifolia – Purple pea – fast growing, lightly foliated, copes with dry shade, spring flowering.

Leptospermum 'Pacific Beauty' – gentle weeping habit, white flowers in spring.

Melaleuca thymifolia – Thyme honey myrtle – Fine foliage with tiny mauve bottlebrush blooms.

Orthosiphon aristatus – Cat's whiskers – autumn/winter flowering (white or mauve), tolerates dry shade.

Pandorea jasminoides – Bower vine – Fast growing evergreen creeper. Mauve or white trumpet-like blooms.

Peperomia blanda* var. *floribunda – Radiator plant – Succulent for pots or groundcover planting.

Scaevola aemula – Fan flower – Blue, white or pink blooms on groundcover/hanging basket plant

Syzygium 'Pink Cascade' – Weeping tree free of pimple psyllid. Dense screening. Responds to pruning.

Xanthostemon verticillatus – Little penda – Pale lemon flowers. Needs water. Copes with clay.

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