

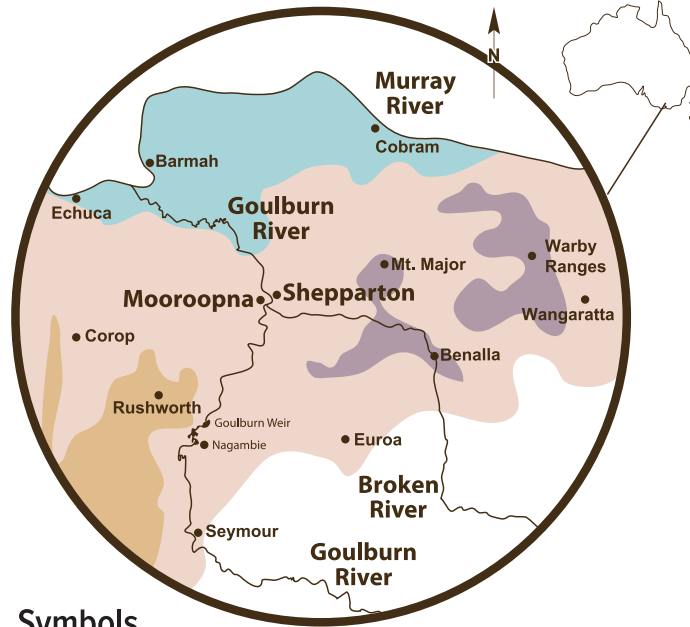
Flora from our 4 Bioregions Collection

'Getting to know & appreciate the Locals'



Local Bioregions Collection

A guiding principle of the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton, is to showcase a collection of plants from our 4 local bioregions. Landscape Design Architect, Melissa Stagg has incorporated non-threatened plants that you would see if you set out from Shepparton on a day trip or went for a bush walk, throughout the Care for the Rare garden beds.



Symbols

Four Local Bioregions

- Gold Fields
- poor soils with steep peaks and ridges
- Murray Fans
- broad floodplains along the Murray River
- Northern Inland Slopes
- minor ranges that protrude through the Riverina Plain
- Victorian Riverina
- flat landscape including 8 tributaries of the Murray River

Plants

- 🌳 Tree
- 🌿 Perennial Herb
- dies back after flowering
- 🌳 Shrub
- 🌿 Perennial Herb
- leaves remain after flowering
- 🌿 Ground Cover
- 🌻 Asteraceae Family
- daisies
- 🌿 Grass and Tufting

Meet the Ptilotus Family

Except for one species found in southern Malaysia, Ptilotus' are an Australian genus occurring mostly in the drier inland regions, particularly in Western Australia. Often referred to as 'Mulla-mulla', they derive their botanical name from the Greek word ptilon - down or feathers. A great choice for home gardens due to their tolerance of arid conditions.



Pink Mulla-mulla
Ptilotus exaltatus
Found in North-West Victoria



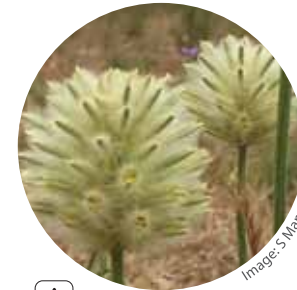
Pink Mulla-mulla
Ptilotus exaltatus
Starts flowering October



Hairy Tails
Ptilotus erubescens
Listed as Critically Endangered



Yellow Tails
Ptilotus nobilis
Listed as Endangered



Feather-heads
Ptilotus macrocephalus
Murray Fans Bioregion



Lamb's Tails
Ptilotus semilanatus
Murray Fans Bioregion

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Local Urban Landscape

We always seem to have an odd spot in our home garden, that we haven't got around to planting. Perhaps now is the time to consider incorporating local plants back into our urban landscape. Being local, these little gems love the conditions, use less water and provide much needed habitat for our local fauna.



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Cut-leaf Daisy

Brachyscome multifida



Image: M Stagg



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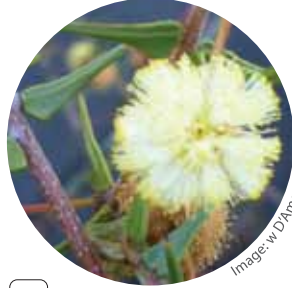


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Ploughshare Wattle

Acacia gunnii



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Spreading Wattle

Acacia genistifolia



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Narrow Leaf Desert Cassia

Senna artemisioides subsp. *zygophylla*

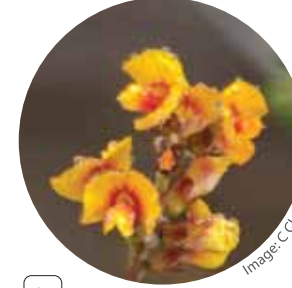


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Showy Parrot-Pea

Dillwynia sericea



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Fuzzy New Holland Daisy

Vittadinia cuneata



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Weeping pittosporum

Pittosporum angustifolium

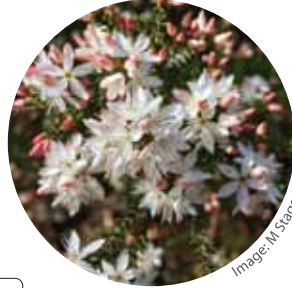


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Common Fringe-myrtle

Calytrix tetragona



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Common Correa

Correa reflexa

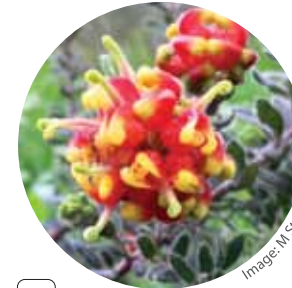


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Mountain Grevillea

Grevillea alpina

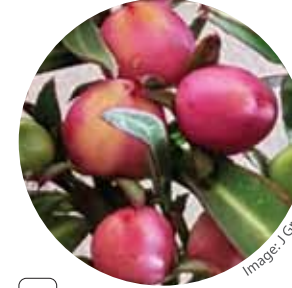


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Winter Apple

Eremophila debilis



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Branching Bluebell

Wahlenbergia multicaulis



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Tall Bluebell

Wahlenbergia stricta subsp. *stricta*



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Silver Banksia

Banksia marginata



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Green Mallee

Eucalyptus viridis



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Ruby Saltbush

Enchylaena tomentosa var. *tomentosa*



Image: M Stagg



Berry Saltbush

Atriplex semibaccata

Birds, Bees, and Trees

What better way to pass the time of day than watching our native birds and pollinators feeding on flowers in your garden. If you are concerned about predators, such as cats, the Ploughshare and Spreading Wattles have dense foliage that will provide protection to our beautiful birds whilst they are feeding.

Splashes of Warmth

We all need a little bit of warmth at times, especially in our gardens and what better way to do this than incorporating these local native plants into your own garden. The eye catching orange and red flowers, make your heart sing and would be a welcome addition to a home garden. As a bonus, the berries from the saltbushes are edible!

Shimmery Grasses

Native grasses planted in clumps of contrasting foliage, along a simple path helps bring a little bit of the bush to your backyard. Shimmering in the breeze, surrounding a simple pond, native grasses make a great feature for a home garden, whilst providing much needed habitat for our local fauna.



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 **Common Tussock**
Poa labillardierei

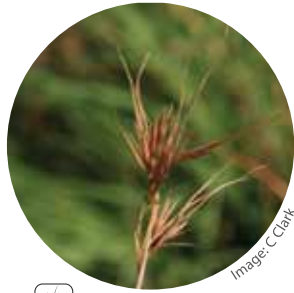


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 **Kangaroo Grass**
Themeda triandra

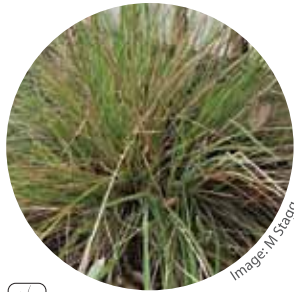


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 **Velvet Tussock Grass**
Poa morrisii



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 **Silky Blue-grass**
Dichanthium sericeum subsp. *sericeum*



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 **Grey Tussock Grass**
Poa sieberiana

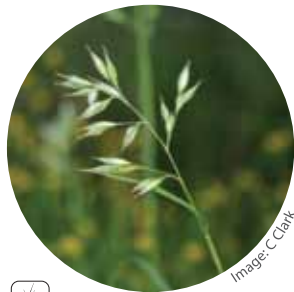


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 **Straw Wallaby-grass**
Rytidosperma richardsonii

Bright and Cheerful

The colour yellow is associated with the sun, and symbolises optimism, energy, joy, happiness and friendship. Incorporating just one of these bright and cheerful yellow flowering local plants into your garden will help to uplift your spirits.



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 **Common Everlasting**
Chrysocephalum apiculatum



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 **Hoary Sunray**
Leucochrysum albicans



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 **Clustered Everlasting**
Chrysocephalum semipapposum



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 **Grey Everlasting**
Ozothamnus obcordatus



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 **Lemon Beauty-heads**
Calocephalus citreus



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 **Drumsticks**
Pycnosorus globosus

Mauves and Silvers

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to soft pastels, mauves and silver foliage plants that grow in our local bioregions. Any of these plants would be a welcome addition to a home garden, creating a gentle and relaxed atmosphere to enjoy. Bring our native blue banded bees to your garden by planting some blue and mauve flowers.

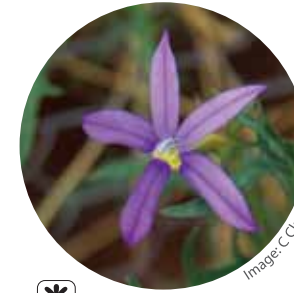


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 **Showy Isotome**
Isotoma axillaris

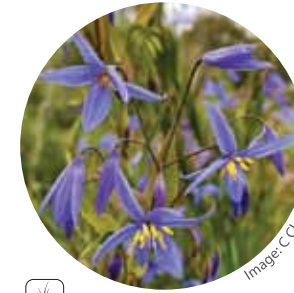


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 **Nodding Blue Lily**
Stypana glauca

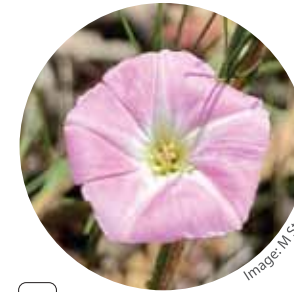


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 **Blushing Bindweed**
Convolvulus angustissimus



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 **Small-leaf Goosefoot**
Chenopodium desertorum subsp. *microphyllum*

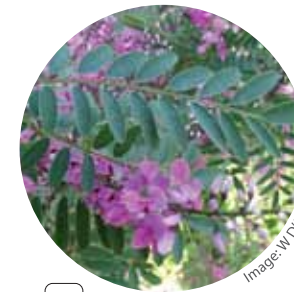


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 **Austral indigo**
Indigofera australis



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 **Diggers Speedwell**
Veronica perfoliata

In the Bush

You will find many of our local species growing in the remnant bushlands here at the Botanic Gardens. The Silver Wattles provide food for our resident glider population. The trick to finding our bush lilies 'is to look little'; once you start to see these little beauties you will never dismiss our bush as 'just the bush' again!



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 **Nodding Chocolate-lily**
Arthropodium fimbriatum



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 **Blue Grass-lily**
Caesia calliantha



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 **Austral Stork's-bill**
Pelargonium australe



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 **Sticky Everlasting**
Xerochrysum viscosum



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 **Blue Devil**
Eryngium ovinum



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 **Bulbine Lily**
Bulbine bulbosa



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 **Native Flax**
Linum marginale



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 **Common Rice-flower**
Pimelea humilis



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 **Silver Wattle**
Acacia dealbata

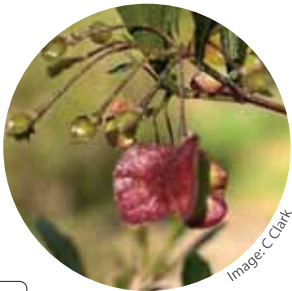


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 **Wedge-leaf Hop-bush**
Dodonaea viscosa subsp. *cuneata*



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 **Hedge Salt-bush**
Rhagodia spinescens

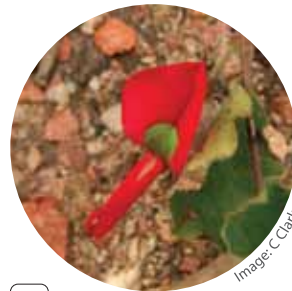


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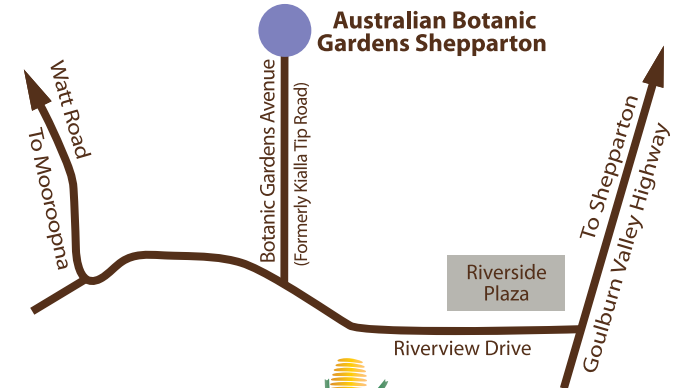
 **Running Postman**
Kennedia prostrata

On Honeysuckle Rise

Our Local bioregions collection is not limited to the Care for the Rare garden beds. On Honeysuckle Rise, interspersed throughout the landscaped gardens you will find these fabulous local plants, that would be ideal in a home garden. Forming a backdrop above the gabion wall is the endangered *Acacia lineata*, or Streaked Wattle.

Explore, Enjoy, Anytime

We are Open Every Day
Free Entry




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We would like to thank the dedicated photographers and field naturalists who are willing to share their love of Australian Native Plants to a wider audience and hope they inspire you to include natives in your own gardens.
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