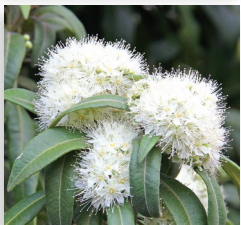




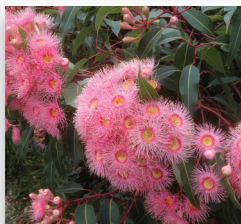
Acacia fimbriata
Brisbane Wattle

Large shrub to 5m small tree; masses of perfumed creamy-yellow balls in winter/spring; hardy, sun-loving.



Backhousia citriodora
Lemon Myrtle

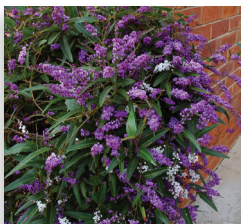
Shapely bush food tree; aromatic foliage; clusters of white flowers with prominent stamens in summer.



Corymbia 'Summer Beauty'
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Evergreen tree to 5m; large glossy leaves, spectacular dense terminal flower clusters summer; brings bees.

Scramblers



Hardenbergia violacea
Native Sarsaparilla

Lightweight twining vine; purple pea flowers spring, white, pink forms also available; hardy; sun; water-saving.



Pandorea jasminoides
Bower Vine

Woody vine; glossy leaves; large tubular flowers most seasons; pink, white varieties; plant on trellises or in hanging baskets.

General Gardening Advice

- ✦ **Use local native plants:** many native plants are bee-attracting and are adapted to your local conditions.
- ✦ **Use a range of colours:** bees have good colour vision - include blue, purple, violet, white, yellow.
- ✦ **Use flowers of different shapes:** open or cup-shaped flowers ensure easy access for pollinators. Small brushes and tube shapes are also important to some bees.
- ✦ **Don't use pesticides:** the good guys die along with the bad guys.
- ✦ **Plant in layers:** provide a variety of heights from ground covers to shrubs and trees.
- ✦ **Plant in clusters:** massed flowers of one species are more effective than individual plants.
- ✦ **Plant for different flowering seasons:** bees like food throughout the year but require extra food in spring.
- ✦ **Plant where bees like to visit:** select sunny spots rather than shady spots with protection from strong winds.
- ✦ **Provide water:** bees have short legs, so place wet sand or pebbles in a shallow water tray.
- ✦ **Provide a home:** bees like to eat close to home with in 100m of the hive with 500m their maximum range.

Suggested Links:

Aussie Bees: www.aussiebee.com.au

Bob the Bee Man: www.bobthebeeman.com.au

Tim Heard: www.sugarbag.net

Valley Bees: www.mrccc.org.au/valley-bees/

Native Plants for Native Bees



Low Growers



Carpobrotus glaucescens
Coastal Pigface

A useful creeping succulent with fleshy foliage and year-round flowering; sandy coastal gardens.



Hibbertia spp.
Guinea Flowers

Mostly prostrate or low multi-stemmed shrubs with many open-faced bright yellow flowers; full sun.



Scaevola albida pink
Fan Flower

Spreading ground cover; flowers white, pink, shades of blue in spring/summer; sun or light shade.



Xanthorrhoea fulva
Wallum Grasstree

Trunkless feature plant for smaller gardens; moderately fast grower flowering in 4-5 years; sunny position.



Xerochrysum bracteatum
Paper Daisy

Brightly coloured landing platforms for bees; flowering winter to summer, several colours; sunny open areas.

Shrubs



Banksia spinulosa
Hairpin Banksia

Bushy shrub to 3m, long yellow-orange flower spikes in autumn/winter; well-drained soils; sun.



Melaleuca/Callistemon spp.
Bottlebrushes, Paperbarks

Wide range of shrubs and trees, choice of height and colour; very bee-friendly; sunny position.



Grevillea spp.
Grevilleas

Shrubs and groundcovers; many sizes, flowers, colours; sun; good drainage, moderate regular moisture.



Melastoma malabathricum
Blue Tongue, Native Lasiandra

Shrub to 2m; flowers purple-pink or white; hairy 3-veined leaves; moist areas; prune for compact shape.



Ozothamnus diosmifolius
Rice Flower, Sago Flower

Upright, woody shrub to 2m; aromatic leaves; dense white/pink flower heads; sun; moderate water.

Shrubs



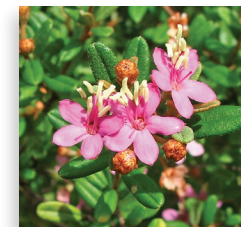
Leptospermum polygalifolium
Wild May

Dense shrub to 4m; white flowers in spring; some have aromatic leaves; bee-attracting.



Pavetta australiensis
Pavetta

Shrub to 3m; glossy leaves; dense clusters white, tubular flowers; light shade; suits edge rainforest garden.



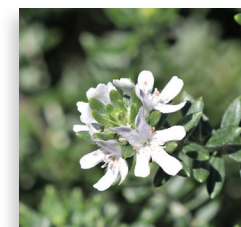
Phebalium nottii
Pink Phebalium

Shrub 1.5-2m; clusters small pink flowers spring, summer/winter; sun; moderate moisture.



Pultenaea villosa
Hairy Pea Bush

Shrub to 2m; drooping branchlets, massed yellow flowers with red markings spring, summer; sun.



Westringia spp.
Westringia

Popular hardy shrubs; dense foliage; open tubular white/mauve flowers; sun; water-saving; prune to shape.