


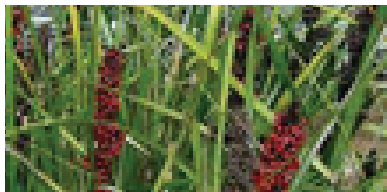



Great plants for backyard habitat

Want a colourful, low-maintenance garden that provides great habitat for birds and other animals? It all starts with your choice of plants! Check out these hardy local native plants.





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Groundcovers: Hardy, low maintenance plants that protect the soil, provide cover for ground-dwelling fauna and add colour and texture to your garden

SPECIES	HABITAT FEATURES	TYPICAL HABIT
<i>Dianella congesta</i> Flax lily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clumping plant to 1mSelf-maintaining once establishedBlocks weedsAttractive foliage, flowers and fruitBirds including Lewin's honeyeaters that eat fruitCreates microclimate for invertebrates	
<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i> Red-fruited saw sedge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sedge to 2mSlow but hardyAttractive foliageDense cover for small birds, insects, skinksWorks well aesthetically and for habitat value as 'mass planting'	
<i>Lomandra hystrix</i> Creek mat rush	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sedge to 1mVery hardy and excellent for streambank stabilisationAttractive foliageDense cover for small birds, insects, skinksWorks well aesthetically and for habitat value as 'mass planting'	
<i>Carex gaudichandiana</i> Tea tree swamp sedge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sedge to 1mPrefers damp areas such as pond edges but will tolerate periodic dryAttractive, insect-attracting plant for erosion control, bank stabilisation etc.	
<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i> River lily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lily to 1.5mVersatileSuitable for wet areasAttractive foliage	

Shrubs: Hardy, colourful bird and insect-attracting plants that provide structure and protection

SPECIES	HABITAT FEATURES	TYPICAL HABIT
<i>Melastoma affine</i> Blue tongue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shrub to 2.5m with attractive foliage and beautiful pale pink flowersFast growing and hardyRegular pruning increases bushiness providing protection for small birds.Insect attracting	
<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i> Dwarf banksia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Banksia to 2mHardy. Tolerates poor soilProduces large cream flowers with abundant nectarDense foliage provides excellent habitat for small birds	

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<i>Callistemon pachyphyllus</i> Wallum bottlebrush	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Straggling shrub to 2mHardy with red flowersBird-attracting	
<i>Hovea acutifolia</i> Purple pea bush	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open shrub to 2.5mAttractive purple flowers that attract insectsVery hardyExcellent choice for mixed planting	

Small trees with a variety of colourful flowers and fruits that provide structure and great habitat for birds and other animals.

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<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> Coast banksia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Height around 8mVery hardyTolerates poor soilValuable for winter nectar productionGreat form as a feature treeAttractive foliage	
<i>Banksia aemula</i> Wallum banksia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Height around 5mVery hardy including in poor soilLarge cream flowers attractive to insects and birdsDense foliage for bird protection	
<i>Acmena hemilampra</i> Broad-leaved lilly pilli	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Height around 8mVery hardy and good screen plantAttractive foliage changing colour with growthDense foliage for habitat valueSmall cream flowers. Fruit attractive to insects and birds	
<i>Acronychia imperforata</i> Beach acronychia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Height around 6mAttractive glossy foliageYellow fruitHardy in poor soil	
<i>Syzygium leuhmanii</i> Riberry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Height around 8mVery hardyExcellent screen plantAttractive foliage that changes colour with growthDense foliage for habitat valueSmall cream flowers and attractive red fruit for insects and birds	