

*The Port Environment Centre is a community driven organisation and 'gathering place' that supports the community in living sustainably, caring for, learning about and enjoying our natural environment.*

## Plants of the Port Adelaide/Enfield area

This local plant list was prepared by volunteers from the Port Environment Centre.

Discover the variety of native plants local to our area; plants that are suited to our hot, dry climate, which also provide food, shelter and habitat for our native butterflies, birds, lizards and insects, and add beauty and interest to our gardens.

» The plants marked with » are some of our favourites, that we think would make great garden plants.



### Ground covers (plants that grow along the ground, trailing or suckering)

» Carpobrotus rossii	Karkalla ( Native pigface)	Habitat for lizards & insects
» Kennedia prostrata	Running Postman	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Myoporum parvifolia	Creeping Boobiolla	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Kunzea pomifera	Muntries	Food source for birds & butterflies
Threlkeldia diffusa	Coast Bonefruit	Edible berries, food source for birds



### Climbers (plants that grow upwards, climbing or scrambling)

Muehlenbeckia gunnii	Coastal Lignum	
Clematis microphylla	Old Man's Beard	Food source for birds
» Billardiera cymosa	Sweet Apple Berry	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Hardenbergia violacea	Native Lilac	Food source for birds
Convolvulus remotus	Grassy Bindweed	Butterflies & insects



### Grasses, lilies and sedges (plants that grow in clumps or tufts)

Atriplex semibaccata	Berry Saltbush	Food source for butterflies
» Lotus australis	Australian Trefoil	Food source for butterflies & host plant for caterpillars
Wahlenbergia luteola	Native Bluebell	
» Scaevola crassifolia	Cushion Fan-flower	Important butterfly larval food plant
Scaevola albida	White Fan-flower	
» Goodenia sp.	Native Primrose	Butterfly larval food plant
» Vittidinia sp.	New Holland Daisy	
» Chrysocephalum semipapposum	Clustered Everlasting	Food source for birds & butterflies (larva)
» Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Common Everlasting	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Dianella sp.	Flax Lily	
» Arthropodium sp.	Chocolate & Vanilla Lilies	
» Lomandra sp.	Iron Grass, Mat Rush	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Austrodanthonia sp.	Wallaby Grass	Food source for birds & butterflies
Austrostipa sp.	Spear Grass	Habitat for insects
Marsilea drummondii	Common Nardoo	
» Ficinia nodosa	Knobby Club Rush	Food source for butterflies
» Gahnia filum	Chaffy Saw-sedge	Food source for butterflies
» Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass	
» Cymbopogon ambiguus	Australian Lemon-scented Grass	Habitat for lizards & insects
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	
Juncus kraussi	Sea Rush	
Suaeda australis	Austral Seablite	
Frankenia pauciflora	Southern Sea-heath	
Maireana oppositifolia	Salt Bluebush	
Samolus repens	Creeping Brookweed	
Lepidosperma sp.	Sword Sedge	
Microseris lanceolata	Yam Daisy	

**Small shrub** (shrub up to 2.5m high)

» Acacia cupularis	Coastal Umbrella Bush	Important host plant for Two-spotted Line Blue Butterfly Provides nectar and shelter for birds
» Atriplex cinerea	Coast Saltbush / Grey Saltbush	Important food plant for caterpillars of Saltbush Blue Butterfly
Atriplex paludosa	Marsh Saltbush	
» Enchylaena tomentosa	Ruby Saltbush	Food source for birds
Adriana quadripartita	Coast Bitterbush	Exclusive food for Bitterbush Blue Butterfly
Senecio sp.	Groundsel	Butterfly larval food plant
» Leucopogon parviflorus	Coast Beard Heath	Food source for birds
» Leucophyta brownii	Cushion Bush	Butterflies & insects
» Olearia axillaris	Coast Daisy-Bush	Valuable habitat for butterflies, birds & insects
» Rhagodia candolleana	Sea-berry Saltbush	Butterfly larva food plant & birds feed on berries
» Nitraria billardierei	Nitre Bush	Food source for birds
Maireana brevifolia	Short-leaf Bluebush	

**Large shrub** (shrub more than 2.5m high)

Santalum acuminatum	Quandong/ Native Peach	
» Acacia ligulata	Umbrella Bush	Nectar and shelter for birds
» Acacia longifolia ssp. Sophorae	Coastal Wattle	
Melaleuca halmaturorum	SA Swamp Paperbark	
Melaleuca lanceolata	Moonah, Black Tea Tree	Food source for birds & butterflies
Myoporum insulare	Native Juniper	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Bursaria spinosa	Christmas Bush / Sweet Bursaria	Insect attracting
» Dodonaea viscosa	Sticky Hop-Bush	Food source for butterflies

**Small trees** (trees that grow 5m to 10m high)

Avicennia marina	Grey Mangrove	
Callitris gracilis	Southern Cypress Pine	Several parrot species feed on fruit
» Allocasuarina verticillata	Drooping Sheoak	Food source for birds & butterflies
» Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia	Food source for birds & butterflies
Banksia ornata	Desert Banksia	Food source for birds & butterflies
Pittosporum angustifolium	Native Apricot	Food source for birds
Acacia pycnantha	Golden Wattle	
Eucalyptus porosa	Mallee Box	Food source for birds & butterflies

**Large trees** (trees that grow to 10m or more)

Eucalyptus leucoxylon	SA Blue Gum	Food source for birds & butterflies
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**Further information:** • Butterfly Conservation SA: [www.butterflyconservationsa.net.au](http://www.butterflyconservationsa.net.au)

• Native planting guides (coastal and Adelaide), online plant selector and backyards for wildlife information:

[www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidentloftyranges/plants-and-animals/native-plants-animals-and-biodiversity/urban-biodiversity](http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidentloftyranges/plants-and-animals/native-plants-animals-and-biodiversity/urban-biodiversity)

**Where to buy native plants:** • Provenance Indigenous Plants, Sandy Cres, Salisbury Park. [www.provenance.net.au](http://www.provenance.net.au)

• Trees for Life (annual garden plant sale held in May) cnr May Tce and Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Lockleys. [www.treesforlife.org.au](http://www.treesforlife.org.au)

• State Flora Nursery in Belair National Park, Belair. [www.stateflora.sa.gov.au](http://www.stateflora.sa.gov.au)

**References:**

• The Native Plants of Adelaide by Phil Bagust & Lynda Tout-Smith

• Mangroves to Mallee by Todd Berkinshaw

• Pre-European Vegetation of Adelaide by Darrell N. Kraehenbuehl

• Plants of the Adelaide Plains and Hills by GRM Dashorst & JP Jessop

• Attracting Butterflies to your Garden by L Hunt, R Grund, D Keane & J Forrest

• Tennyson Dunes: A pocket guide to plants of the Tennyson Dunes Conservation Reserve by Volunteers of Tennyson Dunes,

• Provenance Nursery, Sandy Crescent, Salisbury Park SA

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