



COASTAL PLANTS IDEAL FOR A BROOME VERGE

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TALL TREES

Coolamon Tree *Gyrocarpus americanus* Thick golden trunk, crooked spreading branches, bright green heart-shaped leaves. Tiny clusters of cream flowers Nov-May, winged seed capsules which spin as they fall. To 12 m, deciduous, slow growing, drought tolerant, grow from seed.

Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* Erect ornamental with a dense crown and shiny dark green foliage. Cream scented flowers Feb-May and ripe edible fruit when bright red-orange. To 12 m, evergreen, slow growing, grow from seed.

Paperbark *Melaleuca dealbata* Shady with short trunk, papery bark, broad weeping crown. Flowers with honey scent September. Attracts nectar feeding wildlife. To 15 m, fast growing, from seed.

Silver Cadjeput *Melaleuca argentea* Handsome tree with papery bark and a weeping crown of soft silvery leaves. Produces honey scented cream flowers Apr-Jul, which attract nectar feeding wildlife. To 12 m, wind tolerant, grow from seed.

MEDIUM TREES

Gubinge *Terminalia ferdinandiana* Spreading crown, pale green leaves, creamy nectar rich flowers Oct-Mar. Produces edible fruit Jan-Feb with the richest known source of vitamin C in the world! To 10 m, drought-wind tolerant, grow from fresh seed

Jigal *Bauhinia cunninghamii* Deeply fissured grey-black bark, butterfly shaped leaves crimson when new, blue-green when mature. Broad flat pods bright red when young, brown when mature. Red flowers with sweet nectar to drink. To 8 m, long-lived, drought tolerant, grow from seed.

SMALL TREES

Boomerang Tree *Hakea macrocarpa* Architectural shape, corky grey bark, cream bottlebrush flowers May-Sep, large woody fruits which split to expel seed. Attractive to birds, mammals and insects when flowering. To 4 m, slow growing, wind-tolerant, long-lived, grow from seed.

Ebonywood *Diospyros humilis* Ornamental with dark green glossy leaves, small yellowish flowers and tangerine-coloured fruits when ripe Oct-Dec. Excellent screening. Slow growing. To 6 m, wind-drought tolerant, grow from seed.

Midingarran *Pavetta Kimberleyana* Mottled grey bark, young leaves with long white hairs then dark dark green and oblong with a slight sheen when mature. Showy white clusters of scented flowers Dec-Feb, fruits green then black and eaten raw. Endemic and found in vine thicket behind coastal dunes and pindan on peninsula. To 3-4 m, deciduous, wind tolerant, grow from seed.

Pindan Walnut *Terminalia kumpaja* Prized nut tree with corky fissured bark. Flowers and fruits Oct-Jan. Corky wood protects a kernel that is eaten raw and tastes better than an almond.

To 6 m, semi deciduous, drought-wind tolerant, grow from fresh seed

Prices Point Orange *Pittosporum moluccanum* Ornamental, with glossy dark green leaves, white perfumed flowers Feb-Aug, clusters of round fleshy orange fruits with sticky black seeds. Gazetted as Declared Rare Flora - grow to ensure survival. To 6 m, evergreen, fast growing, grow from fresh seed.

Rock Grevillea *Grevillea heliosperma* Attractive tree, red flowers attract wildlife (Apr-Jun), large woody pods. Prefers well-drained sandy soils. Lightly prune after flowering to keep compact habit. To 4 m, evergreen, fast growing, grow from seed.

Wild Apple *Syzygium eucalyptoides* Pretty spreading tree with large, oval, light green leaves. Showy white flowers Oct-Dec in dense clusters. Fleshy white edible apple sized fruit with dry sharp taste. Flowers/fruit attract wildlife. To 5 m, semi deciduous, wind tolerant, grow from seed.

TALL SHRUBS

Hopbush *Dodonaea sp platyptera* Decorative shrub, dark green leaves, small greenish flowers Feb-May, clusters of brown, winged papery seed pods. Evergreen shrub good for screening. To 5 m, drought-wind tolerant, grow from seed.

Silver-leaf Grevillea *Grevillea refracta* Graceful open shrub, foliage deep green above and silvery below. Clusters of yellow-orange or pink flowers Apr-Nov attract birds. Prefers well-drained sandy soils. Lightly prune after flowering to keep compact. To 4 m, grow from treated seed.

MEDIUM SHRUBS

Moon Flower *Capparis spinosa* Attractive low spreading shrub with leathery, rounded, dark green leaves and large cream flowers which open at night and close midmorning. Attracts butterflies. Lightly prune to maintain shape. To 3 m, drought-wind tolerant, grow from fresh seed.

Sandhill Wattle *Acacia hilliana* Attractive low spreading shrub with yellow cylindrical flowers Apr-Jun and sticky seed pods Sep-Nov. Good ground cover for rockeries and mass plantings. Prefers well-drained soil. To 1 m, grow from treated seed.

SMALL SHRUBS

Acacia hippuroides Pretty low spreading shrub 1.3 m across and small yellow flower balls Mar Sep. Prefers sandy soils. Ideal for rockeries, long strips, or mass plantings. Lightly tip prune from an early age and after flowering to maintain shape. To 1 m, grow from treated seed.

Dryandri *Grevillea dryandra* Iconic Darwin grevillea and the least common dryandri sub-species in cultivation. Pretty, hardy low shrub, useful for showpiece feature gardens, impressive blooms of showy red-pink flowers attractive to birds. Prefers well drained soils in full sun. To 1 m, prefers well drained soils, full sun.

GRASSES, HERBS

Batchelors Buttons *Gomphrena canescens* Fast growing herb, reddish stems, pink-purple flower heads in spiky balls May-Jul. Stunning mass display, likes warm, dry free draining conditions. Widely distributed across northern Australia. To 40 cm, drought-wind tolerant, grow from seed.

Ruby Salt Bush *Enchylaena tomentosa* Attractive low spreading upright shrub with delicate soft, hairy, semi succulent blue green leaves and long-lasting display of brilliant yellow to red succulent berries (edible). Grows in wide variety of conditions.

Tall Mulla Mulla *Ptilotus exaltatus* Nees Spectacular herb, dark green foliage, large, mauve, feathery flower spikes year-round. Well-drained soil. Mass plantings, borders, cut flowers. Lightly tip prune to keep compact. Annual herb to 0.5 m, drought-wind tolerant, grow from seed.