

Landscaping Guidelines

Plants to avoid

The following plants are either harmful (e.g. as an irritant or toxic when eaten), or can spread easily and invade bushland and should not be used for landscaping or screening.

Trees

Eucalyptus (or *Corymbia*) Gum Trees

Lemon Scented Gum (*Eucalyptus citriodora*)

Spotted Gum (*Eucalyptus maculata*)

Sugar Gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*)

Palms

Cotton Palm (*Washingtonia filifera* & *robosta*)

Date Palm (*Phoenix calieriensis*)

Pigmy Date Palm (*Phoenix robelini*)

Pines

Bunya Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*)

Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*)

Montrey Pine (*Pinus radiata*)

Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*)

Rhus species (*Toxicodenidro*, *Rhus spp*)

Wattles

Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*)

Early Black Wattle (*Acacia decurrens*)

Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*)

Queensland Silver Wattle (*Acacia podalyriifolia*)

Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*)

Sydney Golden Wattle (*Acacia longifolia*)

Other

Bazillian, broadleaf, Californian or Japanese Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*)

Bitter almond (*Prunus dulcis*)

Black bean, Morton Bay chestnut (*Castanospermum australe*)

Black locust, false acacia, robinia (*Robinia psuedoacacia* and cultivars)

Cape lilac, White cedar (*Melia azedarach*)

Castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*)

Fruit trees (Apricot, Loquat, Peach)

Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*)

Olive (*Olea europea*)

Tagasaste or Tree Lucerne (*Chamaecytisus palmensis* - formerly *Cytissus prolifera*)

Tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

Tung-oil tree (*Vernicia fordii*)

Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*)

Shrubs and grasses taller than 15cm

African Corn Flag (*Chasmanthe floribunda*)

African milk bush (*Synadenium grantii*)

Agave, Century plant (*Agave americana*)

Aloe vera (*Aloe vera*)

Angel's trumpet (*Brugmansia* spp (syn *Datura* spp))

Apple of Sodom (*Solanum sodomaeum*, *S. linnaeanum*)
 Arum Lilly (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*)
 Asclepias, milkweed or cotton bush (*Asclepias* spp (syn. *Gomphocarpus* spp)
 Autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*)
 Bamboo or Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*)
 Blackberries (*Rubis* spp)
 Blackberry nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*)
 Blue Lupin or Sandplain Lupin (*Lupinus cosentinii*)
 Bracken fern (*Pteridium esculentum*)
 Broom (All *Genista* species – except *G. monsperma*)
 Bushmans poison, Wintersweet (*Acokanthera spectabilis*)
 Caladium (*Caladium* spp)
 Cassava (*Manihot esculenta*)
 Cestrum, Jessamine (*Cestrum* spp)
 Cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)
 Chilli (*Capsicum* spp)
 Coral bush (*Jatropha podagrica*)
 Cottoneaster species (*Cottoneaster glaucophyllus* & *Cottoneaster pannosus*)
 Crown of thorns (*Euphorbia milii* and cultivars)
 Cuckoo pint, Italian arum (*Arum italicum*)
 Dieffenbachia, dumbcane (*Dieffenbachia* spp)
 Elephant's ear and taro (*Alocasia* spp)
 Euphorbia (various), spurge (*Euphorbia* spp)
 False jasmine, yellow jasmine (*Gelsemium* spp)
 Fishtail palm (*Caryota mitis*)
 Gladiolus species including Long Tubed Painted Lady (*Gladiolus undulates*; *Gladiolus caryophyllaceus* & *Gladiolus angustus*)
 Harlequin Flower (*Sparaxis bulbifera*)
 Hellebore (*Helleborus* spp and cultivars)
 Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)

Jerusalem cherry, ornamental chilli (*Solanum pseudocapsicum*)
 Lantana species (*Lantana camara*)
 Naked lady, pencil bush (*Euphorbia tirucalli*)
 Narrow-leaf cotton bush, swan plant (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus* (syn. *Asclepias fruticosa*)
 Nettle, stinging nettle (*Urtica* spp)
 Nicotiana (*Nicotiana tabacum*)
 Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
 Osteospermum species
 Pampus Grass (*Cortaderia sellona*)
 Pieris (*Pieris japonica*)
 Rose Pelargonium (*Pelargonium capitatum*)
 Rubber tree (*Calotropis procera* & *Ficus elastica*)
 Rue (*Ruta graveolens*)
 Swamp Hibiscus (*Hibiscus diversifolius*)
 Tambookie Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
 Tree Mallow (*Lavarta arborea*)
 Veldt daisy (*Dimorphotheca ecklonis*)
 Victorian Tea Tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*)
 Watsonia species (*Watsonia* spp.)
 Whirling Butterflies (*Gaura lindheirmeri*)
 Wild Onion (*Asphodelus fistulosus*)
 Yellow oleander (*Cascabela thevetia*)

Groundcovers, bulbs grasses and vines

Allamanda (*Allamanda cathartica*)
 Arctotis – White (*Arctotis stoechadifolia*)
 Baboon Flower (*Babiana disticha*)
 Belladonna lily, Easter Lilly (*Amaryllis belladonna*)
 Black-eyed Susan (*Thunbergia alata*)
 Blue Periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
 Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*)
 Bridal Creepers (*Asparagus asparagoides* - formerly *Myrsiphyllum asparagoides*)

Bridal Veil (*Asparagus declinatum* - formerly *Myrsiphyllum declinatum*)
 Chalice vine (*Solandra* spp)
 Chinchinchee and other ornithogalums (*Ornithogalum* spp)
 Clematis (*Clematis* spp)
 Commelina (*Commelina benghalensis*)
 Common Vetch (*Vicia satvia*)
 Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia* spp)
 Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)
 Freesia and Freesia hybrids (*Freesia species*)
 Fritillaria, snake's head fritillary (*Fritillaria meleagris*)
 Gazania (*Gazania linearis*)
 Gloriosa lily, glory vine (*Gloriosa superba*)
 Hyacinth (*Hyacinthus orientalis*)
 Ivy or English Ivy (*Hedra helix*)
 Madiera Vine (*Anredera cordifolia*)
 Morning glory (*Ipomea* spp)
 Morning Glory (*Ipomoea cairica* or *Ipomoea indica*)
 Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*)
 Nerine (*Nerine* spp)
 Perrenial sweet pea (*Lathyrus tingitanus*)
 Pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*)
 Tradescata (*Tradescata fluminensis*)
 Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
 Whiteflower Fumitory (*Fumaria capreolata*)

Listing of plants to avoid - by scientific name

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Acacia dealbata
Acacia decurrens
Acacia iteaphylla
Acacia longifolia
Acacia podalyriifolia
Acokanthera spectabilis
Agave americana
Ailanthus altissima
Allamanda cathartica
Alocasia spp
Aloe vera
Amaryllis belladonna
Anredera cordifolia
Araucaria bidwillii
Araucaria heterophylla
Arctotis stoechadifolia
Aristolochia spp
Arum italicum
Arundo donax
Asclepias spp (syn. *Gomphocarpus* spp)
Asparagus asparagoides
Asphodelus fistulosus
Babiana disticha
Brachychiton populneus
Brugmansia spp (syn *Datura* spp)
Caladium spp
Capsicum spp
Caryota mitis
Cascabela thevetia
Castanospermum australe
Cestrum spp
Chamaecytisus palmensis (formerly *Cytissus prolifera*)
Chasmanthe floribunda
Clematis spp
Colchicum autumnale
Commelina benghalensis
Conium maculatum
Cortaderia sellona
Cottoneaster glaucophyllus &
Cottoneaster pannosus
Dieffenbachia spp
Dimorphotheca ecklonis
Eucalyptus maculata
Eucalyptus citriodora
Eucalyptus cladocalyx

Euphorbia milii and cultivars
Euphorbia spp
Euphorbia tirucalli
Ficus elastica
Freesia aff leichtlinii
Fritillaria meleagris
Fumaria capreolata
Gaura lindheirmeri
Gazania linearis
Gelsemium spp
Genista species
Gladiolus angustus
Gladiolus caryophyllaceus
Gladiolus undulatus
Gloriosa superba
Gomphocarpus fruticosus (syn. *Asclepias fruticosa*)
Hedra helix
Helleborus spp and cultivars
Hyacinthoides hispanica
Hyacinthus orientalis
Hyparrhenia hirta
Ipomea spp
Ipomoea spp (*cairica* & *indica*)
Jatropha podagrica
Lantana camara
Lathyrus tingitanus
Lavarta arborea
Leptospermum laevigatum
Lupinus cosentinii
Lupinus spp
Manihot esculenta
Melia azedarach
Myrsiphyllum asparagoides
Myrsiphyllum declinatum
Nerine spp
Nerium oleander
Nicotiana tabacum
Olea europea
Ornithogalum spp
Osteospermum spp
Parthenocissus quinquefolia
Pelargonium capitatum
Pennisetum setaceum
Phoenix calieriensis
Phoenix rebelini
Pieris japonica
Pinus radiata
Prunus dulcis
Prunus laurocerasus
Pteridium esculentum
Rhus spp
Ricinus communis
Robinia psuedoacacia and cultivars
Rubis spp
Ruta graveolens
Salix babylonica
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Solandra spp
Solanum nigrum
Solanum pseudocapsicum
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Sparaxis bulbifera
Synadenium grantii
Thunbergia alata
Toxicodenidron
Trandescata fluminensis
Tropaeolum majus
Urtica spp
Vernicia fordii
Vicia satvia
Vinca major
Washingtonia filifera
Watsonia spp.
Zantedeschia aethiopica