

# Nature Play Spaces

## Plant Schedule

“Aim to create a natural area for play, not a playground with a nature theme”



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**NOTE:** ALL PLANT SPECIES SHOULD BE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR SUITABILITY TO THE SITE AND IT'S SURROUNDING REGIONAL ECOSYSTEM

ALWAYS PLANT NATIVES WHERE/WHEN POSSIBLE

FOCUS ON UTILISING AND RETAINING EXISTING VEGETATION

TREES														
COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	HEIGHT	SPREAD	GROWTH SPEED	SHADE	LOOSE PARTS	CLIMBABLE	CUBBY	QUIET SPACE	FOOD GROWING	ANIMAL/ INSECT HABITAT	NATIVE/ EXOTIC	ECOSYSTEM	MAINTENANCE
River She-oak	CASUARINA cunninghamiana	20M	5m	Fast	x	x		x	x		x	N	Wetland	"Dropping needles and seed pods  Needles make very good mulch"
Macaranga	MACARANGA tanarius	15m	5m	Fast	x		x	x	x			N	Wetland	"Will seed and spread  May require saplings be removed as they sprout"
Weeping Paperbark	MELALEUCA leucadendra	20m	7m	Fast		x					x	N	Wetland	"Some dropping of flowers and leaves  bark will spread by children  Known to have aggressive roots, avoid planting near services, footpaths or similar"
Ivory Curl Tree	BUCKINGHAMIA celsissima	10m	4m	Moderate				x	x		x	N	Subtropical	Flowers drop prolifically, avoid planting around gutter, pools etc.
Royal Poinciana	DELONIX regia	15m	10m	Fast	x	x	x	x				E		Same as JACARANDA mimosifolia

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Crow's Ash	FLINDERSIA australis	25m	10m	Moderate	x	x				x		N	Subtropical	<p>"Dropping flowers and seed pods</p> <p>Large seed pods may be an issue for mowers</p> <p>Avoid planting around grassed areas"</p>
Tulipwood	HARPULLIA pendula	10m	4m	Fast	x	x						N	Subtropical	Dropping flowers and seed pods
Small Leaved Fig	FICUS obliqua	15m	10m	Fast	x			x	x		x	N	Sabtropical	<p>"Dropping fruit (after many years)</p> <p>Roots may invade surround areas. Plant with plenty of clearance</p> <p>ONLY SUITABLE FOR VERY LARGE AREAS"</p>
Weeping Fig	FICUS benjamina	20m	15m	Fast	x		x	x	x			N	Subtropical	<p>"Dropping fruit (after many years)</p> <p>Aggressive roots may invade surround areas. Plant with plenty of clearance</p> <p>ONLY SUITABLE FOR VERY LARGE AREAS"</p>
Broad-Leaved Bottle Tree	BRACHCHITON rupestris	15m	5m	Slow								N	Subtropical	No notable maintenance concerns

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Weeping Lily Pilly	WATERHOUSEA floribunda	10m	5m	Moderate	x			x	x			N	Subtropical	No notable maintenance concerns
Pink Trumpet Tree	TABEBUIA rosea	10m	6m	Moderate	x			x	x		x	E	Subtropical	<p>“Sheds hundreds of flower every season, may clog nearby field drains and create an unsightly mush after rain.</p> <p>Flowers will breakdown naturally over time</p> <p>Consider planting in mulch to reduce this”</p>
Kassod Tree	CASSIA siamea	10m	6m	Fast	x	x	x			x		E	Subtropical	No notable maintenance concerns
Jacaranda Tree	JACARANDA mimosifolia	15m	7m	Fast	x	x	x				x	E	Subtropical	<p>“Sheds hundreds of flower every season, may clog nearby field drains and create an unsightly mush after rain.</p> <p>Flowers will breakdown naturally over time drops seed pods that may interfere with mowing</p> <p>Consider planting in mulch to reduce this”</p>

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Brisbane Golden Wattle	ACACIA fimbriata	6m	4m	Fast				x	x		x	N	Dry Schlerophyll	Responds well to regular pruning
Dwarf Brisbane Wattle	ACACIA fimbriata 'Dwarf'	2m	2m	Fast				x	x		x	N	Dry Schlerophyll	No notable maintenance concerns
Midgen Berry bush	AUSTROMYRTUS dulcis	1m	1.5m	Moderate						x		N	Dry Schlerophyll	
Cascade Lillypilly	SYZYGIVM 'Cascade'	2m	2m	Fast	x			x	x		x	N	Wetland	No notable maintenance concerns
Small Leafed Lillypilly	SYZYGIVM leuhmannii	3m	3m	Fast	x			x	x		x	N	Wetland	No notable maintenance concerns
Swamp Banksia	BANKSIA robur	1.5m	2m	Moderate		x		x	x		x	N	Wetland	No notable maintenance concerns
Hop Bush	DODONAEA triquetra	2m	1.5m	Moderate		x		x	x	x	x	N	Wetland	
Pineapple Zamia	MACROZAMIA lucida	2m	2m	Slow		x		x		x	x	N	Subtropical	May need to clear dead fronds
Swamp Lily	CRINUM pedunculatum	1.5m	1m	Moderate				x	x		x	N	Subtropical	Clearing dead leaves
False Cardomom Ginger	ALPINIA mutica	1.5m	2m	Fast				x	x			N	Subtropical	Benefits from being cut to the ground to maintain a bushy habit

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Palm Lily	Cordyline Rubra	3m	1.5m	Fast				x				N	Subtropical	"A erect, strappy leaf plant with noticeable red leaves  Grows well everywhere "
Slender Palm Lily	CORDYLINE stricta	2.5m	1m	Fast				x			x	N	Subtropical	"A erect, strappy leaf plant  Self seeding (Requires monitoring to reduce unwanted spreading)"
Bolwarra	EUPOMATIA laurina	3m	3m	Moderate	x			x	x	x		N	Subtropical	May need trimming for desired shape
Native Rosella	HIBISCUS heterophyllus	2m		Fast	x			x	x	x	x	N	Subtropical	Can be pruned after flowering to encourage a dense form
GROUNDCOVERS														
Spiny-head Mat Rush	LOMANDRA longifolia	1.5m	1m	Fast								N	Dry Schlerophyll	No notable maintenance concerns
Creeping Boobialla	MYOPORUM parvifolium	0.2m	2m	Fast							x	N	Dry Schlerophyll	May require edging
Native Rosemary	WESTRINGIA fruticosa	2m	4m	Fast					x		x	N	Dry Schlerophyll	May require edging
Birds Nest Fern	ASPENIUM australasicum	2m	1m	Moderate				x				N	Subtropical	Removal of dead fronds
Swampwater Fern	BLECHNUM indicum	0.75m	0.5m	Moderate				x				N	Subtropical	Removal of dead fronds

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Native Daisy	BRACHYSCOME multifida	0.3m	0.5m	Moderate				x			x	N	Subtropical	No notable maintenance concerns
Hop Goodenia	GOODENIA ovata	0.3m	2m	Fast				x	x		x	N	Subtropical	No notable maintenance concerns
Swedish Ivy	PLECTRANTHUS australis	0.4m	0.75m	Moderate				x	x			N	Subtropical	No notable maintenance concerns
Fairy Fan Flower	SCAVOLA aemula	0.6m	1m	Fast					x		x	N	Subtropical	May require edging
Native Violet	VIOLA hederacea	0.1m	1m	Fast				x	x			N	Subtropical	May require edging
VINES														
Kangaroo Vine	CISSUS antarctica			Very Fast	x			x	x			N	Subtropical	Requires REGULAR pruning
Wonga Wonga Vine	PANDOREA pandorana			Fast	x			x	x			N	Subtropical	"Requires REGULAR pruning  Benefits from being cut back hard "
Lady Slipper Vine	THUNBERGIA mysorensis			Fast	x			x	x			E	Subtropical	Requires REGULAR pruning

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<b>BAMBOO</b>														
Clumping Bamboo	GIGANTOCHLOA sp. 'Awi Temen'	18m	Varies	Very Fast	x	x		x	x			E	Subtropical	<p>"Bamboo is a very fast growing woody grass that become an invasive weed is left untended</p> <p>It kills everything that grows under it, so it would have to be used in isolated clumps</p> <p>It spreads through underground rhizomes, making it difficult to remove if necessary. INSTALL ROOT BARRIER around bamboo to prevent this</p> <p>Do not plant near native or protected vegetation "</p>
Clumping Bamboo	BAMBUSA dolichomerithalla	10m	Varies	Very Fast	x	x		x	x			E	Subtropical	AS ABOVE
Clumping Bamboo	BAMBUSA Iako 'Timor Black'	10m	Varies	Very Fast	x	x		x	x			E	Subtropical	

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BUSH FOOD														
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<b>TREES</b>														
Davidsons Plum	DAVIDSONIA jerseyana	5m	3m	Moderate						x NOV - FEB	x	N	Subtropical	"Fruit dropping Could establish a worm farm or compost dispose of excess"
Illawarra Plum	PODOCARPUS elatus	12m	7m	Slow	x			x		x MARCH - JULY	x	N	Subtropical	Same as DAVIDSONIA jerseyana
Small Leaved Tamarind	DIGLOGLOTTIS cambellii	10m	8m	Moderate	x					x FEB - APR	x	N	Subtropical	Same as DAVIDSONIA jerseyana
Finger Lime	CITRUS australasica	6m	3m	Slow	x					x JUN - NOV	x	N	Subtropical	Same as DAVIDSONIA jerseyana
<b>SHRUBS</b>														
Orange Berry Tree	GLYUCOSMIS trifoliata	4m	2m	Moderate	x					x APR - NOV	x	N	Subtropical	
Oval Leaf Mint Bush	PROSTANTHERA ovalifolia	3m	2m	Fast	x			x	x	x APR - NOV	x	N	Subtropical	Drops thousands of purple flowers, similar to a Jacaranda
<b>GROUNDCOVERS</b>														
Warrigal Greens	TETRAGONIA tetragoniodes	0.2m	2m	Fast						x		N	Subtropical	