Plants Local to the Canberra Region

The following plants occur naturally in the Canberra reion and may be grown at Yarralumla Nursery at varying times of the year. Information for this leaflet has been obtained with the assistance of:

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WIDESPREAD SPECIES

Plants that are regularly found in at least three of the main habitat types for at least part of the year.

Acacia dealbata Silver wattle Lomandra longifolia Mat rush
Daviesia mimosoides Narrow-leaf Bitterpea Viola hederacea Ivy-leaf violet
Kunzea ericoides Burgan

GRASSLANDS AND LOWLAND WOODLANDS

Woodland plains have scattered trees that do not need to compete for light. The trees have shorter trunks and wide spreading crowns. There are few native grasslands left in the ACT but remnants can be seen at Yarramundi Reach.

Eucalyptus blakelyi Blakely's red gum Eucalyptus melliodora Yellow box
Eucalyptus bridgesiana Apple box Themeda sp Kangaroo grasses

SNOW GUM FORESTS

Snow Gum forests grow in Namadgi National Park along the ridge of the Bridabella on the western border.

Callistemon sieberiAlpine bottlebrushGrevillea lanigeraWoolly grevilleaEucalyptus paucifloraSnow gumPodocarpus lawrenceiMountain plum pineGrevillea diminutaWahlenbergia gloriosaRoyal bluebell

MOUNTAIN WETLANDS



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These are small treeless basins at high altitude that collect run-off water and cold air from the surrounding mountains. An example is Ginini Flats below Mount Ginini.

Epacris breviflora Drumstick heath Grevillea australis Alpine grevillea

Eucalyptus stellulata Black sallee

WET MOUNTAIN FORESTS AND GULLIES

These plants grow in the cool, moist conditions found on south or east-facing mountain slopes and in sheltered gullies and creek lines. There is generally a dense lush undergrowth. This type of forest can be found in parts of Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.

Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	Lomatia myricoides	Mountain lomatia
Acacia siculiformis	Dagger wattle	Micromyrtus ciliata	Fringed heath myrtle
Blechnum nudum	Fishbone fern	Olearia lirata (syn O. stellulata)	Snowy daisy bush
Derwentia perfoliata)	Digger's Speedwell	Olearia phlogopappa	
Dicksonia antactica	Soft tree fern	Polystichum proliferum	Shield-fern
Eriostemon myoporoides	Long leaf waxflower	Pratia pedunculata	Swamp pratia
Eucalyptus radiata	Narrow-leaved peppermint	Prostanthera lasianthos	Victorian Christmas bush
Eucalyptus viminalis	Ribbon gum	Tasmannia lanceolata	Mountain pepper
Grevillea victoriae	Royal grevillea	Westrinia eremicola	
Leptospermum lanigerum	Woolly tea-tree		

DRY FORESTS

Dry forests occur on north and west-facing mountain slopes, and at lower altitudes where the conditions are warm and dry. Examples of these forests are Canberra Nature Park, Black Mountain and Mt Ainslie.

Acacia buxifolia	Boxleaf wattle	Eucalyptus dives	Broad-leaved peppermint
Acacia implexa	Hickory	Eucalyptus macrorhyncha	Red stringybark
Acacia mearnsii	Green wattle	Eucalyptus mannifera	Brittle gum
Acacia pycnantha	Golden wattle	Eucalyptus nortonii	Mealy bundy
Acacia rubida	Redstem wattle	Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Red box
Allocasuarina verticillata	Drooping she-oak	Eucalyptus rossi	Scribbly gum
Banksia marginata	Silver banksia	Eucalyptus rubida	Candlebark gum
Brachychiton populneus	Kurrajong	Hardenbergia violacea	Sarsparilla
Cassinia longifolia	Cauliflower bush	Indigofera australis	Austral indigo
Danthonia spp	Wallaby grasses	Xanthorrhoea australis	Grasstree

LOWLAND RIVERS AND WETLANDS

This area encompasses the Murrumbidgee River and its tributaries. There are no natural wetlands in the ACT but damming of the Molonglo River has formed Jerabomberra Wetlands.

Acacia pravissima Wedge-leaf wattle Casuarina cunninghamiana River oak Callistris endlicheri Black cypress pine



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