

## Plants for shady areas

There is always a spot under your trees or in a shady part of your garden to plant shrubs that love the shade.

**REMEMBER:** Shrubs will naturally want to grow tall, and towards the sun.

To keep them bushy, trim the growing tips off your plants at least twice a year.

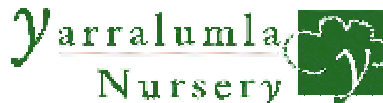
Here is a selection of plants of varying sizes that will grow well in dappled or full shade, with little extra water once established. Some of the suggested plants will also grow in full sun.

### Australian groundcovers or shrubs to 1.5m

- ◆ *Viola hederacea* – Native Violet - Blanketing cover for moist spots.
- ◆ *Brachyscome multifida* – purple daisy flowers. Fine foliage.
- ◆ *Platysace lanceolata* 'Edna Walling Flowergirl' – white flowers spring and summer. Tough and beautiful.
- ◆ *Dianella tasmanica* – vigorous clumping straps to 1m x 2m. Purple berries summer.
- ◆ *Dianella longifolia* – straps to 70cm, blue flowers, purple berries summer
- ◆ *Correa* 'Dusky Bells' – bushy shrub 1m x 1.3m, pink bell flowers in autumn.
- ◆ *Correa decumbens* – groundcover to 30cm x 1m with glossy foliage, small red/brown flowers throughout the year.
- ◆ *Crowea* species – pink star flowers throughout the year.
- ◆ *Myoporum parvifolium* – Creeping Boobialla – blanketing groundcover, good for dappled shade. White or pink flowers.
- ◆ *Hardenbergia violacea* – scrambler/light climber with purple pea flowers early spring. Cut back after flowering for bushiness.
- ◆ *Lomandra longifolia* – very tough strappy leaves to 1.2m. Good habitat for small birds.
- ◆ *Correa baeuerlenii* – Chef's Cap Correa – stunning glossy shrub to 1.5m with green bell flowers. Fragrant foliage.
- ◆ *Philotheca* 'Bournda Beauty' – shrub to 1m, white star flowers early spring. Do not overwater.
- ◆ *Blechnum Penna Marina* – groundcover fern for moist spots.
- ◆ *Correa glabra* (glossy forms) – hardy shrub to 1.5m. Red or green/yellow flowers. Bird-attracting.
- ◆ *Correa alba* – hardy shrub to 1.5m. White star flowers winter.

### Australian shrubs over 1.5m

- ◆ *Correa lawrenciana* – Tree Correa – glossy foliage to 3m. Red/brown bell flowers in winter. Prune for bushiness.



## YARRALUMLA NURSERY – GARDEN ADVICE SERIES

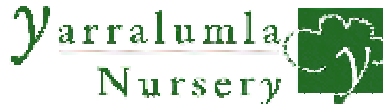
- ♦ **Prostanthera species** (*P. caerulea*, *P. rotundifolia*, *P. ovalifolia*, *P. lasianthos* are all good) – purple, pink or white flowers early spring or summer. Height 1.5m, some to 2.5m. Do not overwater.
- ♦ **Philotheca myoporoides (formerly Eriostemon myoporoides)** – Wax Flower. Lime green foliage, white flowers late winter. Do not overwater.
- ♦ **Kunzea ambigua** – shrub to 2m with fine foliage. Cream or pink flowers spring. Very drought hardy.
- ♦ **Lomatia myricoides** – local shrub to 3m. Large cream flowers in summer. Loves extra water in dry months.
- ♦ **Hakea eriantha** – shrub to 4m. Small cream flowers and decorative seeds.
- ♦ **Grevillea shiressii** – stunning shrub to 3m x 3m. Beautiful glossy foliage, cream/green flowers. Loves extra water in summer.
- ♦ **Leptospermum brevipes** – slender, elegant weeping shrub with silver foliage to 3m. White flowers in profusion in late spring. Local to the region.
- ♦ **Westringia longifolia** – shrub to 2m with white flowers in spring.
- ♦ **Banksia marginata – Silver Banksia** – local shrub with leathery foliage to 4m. Yellow flowers in winter. Loves extra water in summer.
- ♦ **Cassinia longifolia – Cauliflower bush** – hardy, fast growing short-lived local shrub to 3m. White flowers summer. Prune for bushiness and longevity.
- ♦ **Tasmannia lanceolata – Mountain Pepper** – slow-growing shrub with glossy foliage to 2m. Local to the Brindabellas. Do not overwater.

### Exotic groundcovers or shrubs to 1.5m

- ♦ **Agapanthus species** – blue, white or purple flowers in summer.
- ♦ **Buxus sempervirens – English Box** – slow-growing, green foliage.
- ♦ **Ajuga reptans** – tough glossy groundcover, purple flowers spring.
- ♦ **Helleborus orientalis – Winter Rose** – white, pink, green or burgundy flowers in winter. Height to 70cm. Hardy.
- ♦ **Erica darelyensis** – shrub to 1m x 2m, white/pink flowers winter.
- ♦ **Azalea varieties** – pink, red or white flowers. Prune for bushiness.
- ♦ **Ophiopogon japonicus – Mondo Grass** – Black or green varieties.
- ♦ **Liriope Evergreen Giant** – glossy straps to 1m with mauve flower spikes
- ♦ **Acanthus mollis – Oyster Plant** – huge, glossy leaves to 1m with large cream/purple flower spikes.

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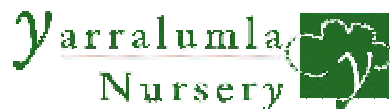
- ♦ **Viburnum tinus** – bushy shrub to 3m with dark green foliage and white flowers in spring.
- ♦ **Michelia figo – Port Wine Magnolia** – lovely shrub to 2m with lime green glossy foliage. Small claret coloured flowers are extremely fragrant.
- ♦ **Osmanthus fragrans** – hardy shrub to 3m with dark green foliage. Tiny, fragrant white flowers.



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- ◆ **Camellia species** – many species, forms, and flower colours available. Loves extra water in warmer months, but very dry hardy after about 7 years.
- ◆ **Nandina domestica - Scared Bamboo** – very tough, colourful shrub to 2m. Red/ yellow autumn foliage.
- ◆ **Pieris japonica** – Lovely, slow-growing shrub to 2m with elegant pendulous clusters of scented flowers late winter. Dry hardy once established.



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