

RECOMMENDED SHADE TREES FOR DARWIN

City of Darwin is committed to expanding and enhancing Darwin's urban forest through our Greening Darwin Strategy. A key action within the strategy is to plant more shade trees across our parks, reserves and community spaces, and we encourage residents to do the same in their gardens.

On the back of this flyer, we've provided a table of recommended shade trees for Darwin gardens based on a local study by researchers at Charles Darwin University. The table includes important attributes to consider when selecting trees and features only Northern Territory native species. Native species provide optimal habitat for wildlife and are well-suited to Darwin's climate, with monsoon forest species providing the densest shade.

Once you've selected your preferred shade tree species, we recommend the following to enhance their cooling effects:

- planting trees in clusters, with individual trees several metres apart, to create a continuous canopy
- using a variety of species to provide year-round food and habitat for native wildlife.

To find out more, visit darwin.nt.gov.au/shade-trees



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Tree Species	Common Name	Size*	Suited to*	Other Notable Attributes
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Very dense shade

<i>Allosyncarpia ternata</i>	Anbinik, Allosyncarpia	XL	LG	Hardy, tolerant to cyclones
<i>Carallia brachiata</i>	Bush Currant	M	SG	Tolerant to cyclones and wet soils
<i>Diospyros compacta</i>	Australian Ebony	S	SG	Slow growing but hardy
<i>Ganophyllum falcatum</i>	Scaly Ash	M	SG	Tolerant to cyclones
<i>Maranthes corymbosa</i>	White Cloud Tree	L	LG	Tolerant to cyclones, pendulous foliage
<i>Millettia pinnata</i>	Indian Beech	M	SG	Hardy, tolerant to cyclones, highly perfumed flowers
<i>Mimusops elengi</i>	Red Condoo/ Spanish Cherry	M - L	SG	Tolerant to cyclones, rounded canopy
<i>Nauclea orientalis</i>	Leichhardt Tree	L	LG	Semi-deciduous, tolerant to wet soils
<i>Syzygium nervosum</i>	River Apple	L	LG	Tolerant to cyclones, scented leaves, purple fruit

Dense shade

<i>Alstonia actinophylla</i>	Northern Milkwood	L	LG	Hardy, tolerant to cyclones
<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>	Yellow Flame Tree	L	LG	Deciduous, produces yellow flowers
<i>Syzygium armstrongii</i>	Bush Apple	L	SG	Tolerant to cyclones, produces fruit

Moderately dense shade

<i>Callitris intratropica</i>	Northern Cypress	M	SG	Hardy but fire sensitive, wood aromatic
<i>Lophostemon lactifluus</i>	Swamp Box	M	SG	Tolerant to wet soils

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Size	Height	Label	Suited to
Small (S)	3 - 8 metres	Small to medium gardens (SG)	Suitable for most gardens
Medium (M)	5 - 12 metres	Large gardens (LG)	Larger trees that require more space
Large (L)	Up to 20 metres		
Extra Large (XL)	Up to 30 metres		

EXAMPLE



Small - *Diospyros compacta*



Medium - *Mimusops elengi*



Large - *Syzygium nervosum*



Extra Large - *Allosyncarpia ternata*