# Creating Habitat K for Darwin Gardens



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## Foreword



Darwin is 'a tropical, liveable city that creates opportunity and choice for our community'.

Strengthening our ecosystem through habitat is crucial to the survival of our wildlife. Providing food, water, cover and a place for wildlife to raise their young will support diversity.

Whether it be in Darwin Harbour (one of Australia's 10 coastal hotspots identified by the Federal Government) or East Point Reserve, or even in our own backyards, our unique biodiversity plays an important role in our lifestyle and our identity.

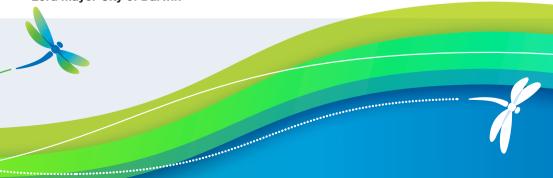
As existing habitats are placed under pressure from the effects of climate change and urban development, we as community members have an opportunity to provide havens for our native fauna by planting native flora in our yards, verges and balconies.

*Creating Habitat for Darwin Gardens* is a useful resource which shows you how to create habitat in your own patch at home.

I look forward to recreating habitat in my patch!

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Katrina Fong Lim Lord Mayor City of Darwin



## **1. Introduction**

Darwin and the Top End has unique flora and fauna which is of high environmental and cultural value. By growing native plant species in our own 'patch', whether that is backyards, courtyards, verges and balconies, we create habitats and encourage native fauna to visit and live.

There are many benefits to planting native species. Native species generally require less watering and maintenance as they are better suited to local environmental conditions. Planting natives helps to increase ecosystem connectivity by creating wildlife corridors, as well as suppressing weeds by increasing competition.

But where do we start if we want to create a habitat? It can be difficult knowing where to plant, and what species to choose. Factors that need to be considered include environmental conditions such as soil types, water and sun availability, the type of habitat to be created, which plants should be planted together, appropriate plants for verge planting, and the availability of plant species at local nurseries.

*Creating Habitat for Darwin Gardens* provides guidance on addressing some of these key considerations. Readily available plant species are described and grouped by habitat allowing for easy selection. Descriptions include the common and scientific names, water and sun requirements, the types of animals attracted to the plant (reptiles, butterflies, birds and mammals), and whether the species is appropriate for planting on verges and under powerlines. A list of commonly found weeds in Darwin is also included at the back of the book for easy identification.

In *Creating Habitat for Darwin Gardens*, the term 'native' refers to plant species whose natural distribution is across the Top End of the Northern Territory.



## 2. Creating Habitat

By creating habitat in our 'patch', we encourage native animals such as butterflies, reptiles, birds and mammals back into our suburbs and towns by providing them with a place to visit and live. Native habitat increases wildlife corridors which provide links to larger patches of vegetation allowing native animals a safe passage from one patch to another. At the same time, these patches provide food and a place to rest. As existing habitat is under pressure from human population growth and the need for land is increasing, wildlife corridors are becoming vitally important in maintaining our biodiversity.

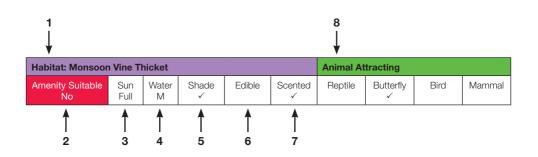
Before planting your patch, it is important to develop a plan. An urban block will generally support one medium to large tree (depending on the species) and this will guide the selection of the small to medium understorey plants. Adding a range of plants at different heights not only increases the aesthetic of your patch, but creates different spaces for different animals.

Think about the area of your patch and its conditions. Is it prone to flooding? If an escarpment species is planted in an area prone to flooding, it is unlikely to grow successfully as it requires drier conditions. Selecting species from other habitat types may require modifications to your patch such as increasing the drainage or altering irrigation regimes. Try working with the features already in your patch. For example, are there existing trees or structures which provide shade? Some plants such as *Grevillea dryandri* ( a woodland species) require full sun so would not be successful if it was shaded by an existing tree or by the neighbour's property. Are there other features to be aware of such as power lines or other utilities? Check the amenity suitable box to ensure chosen plants will not interfere with these areas. All these factors will help you choose the type of habitat and plants best for your patch.

Local native species are better suited to your patch and its existing natural assets such as the soil, water and sun availability. On the other hand, there are many plant species which are found in more than one habitat and can be used in combination to create mixed habitats. As a guide, most of the Darwin region supports either eucalypt woodland or monsoon vine thicket (also known as dry vine forest). Other habitats found in the Darwin region include sandstone escarpment, coastal areas, riverine and wetlands. Representative species of these habitats are found in this booklet.



Each species is described using the following legend:



#### 1. Habitat - Habitat type

2. Amenity Suitable – Whether the plant is suitable for planting on verges or under power lines1

Yes: Suitable for planting as species do not grow taller than 4 metres.

No: Not suitable for planting on verges as species may interfere with powerlines.

#### 3. Sun – Light level requirements for each plant

Full: Plant prefers a fully sunny position.

Part: Plant prefers some shade.

Full/Part: Plant is well suited to both full sun and partly shaded position.

4. Water - Watering requirements for the plant

L = Low:	Water until roots are established, no additional watering is required.
M = Moderate:	Requires watering until established and twice a week during the dry season until fully mature, then no additional watering is required.
H = High:	Will require watering two-three times per week throughout the dry season and any periods of limited rainfall.

#### 5. Shade -

✓ Once mature this plant will provide shade.

#### 6. Edible -

✓ Fruit or other parts of the plant are edible.

#### 7. Scented -

✓ Flowers or leaves are highly perfumed.

#### 8. Animal Attracting -

✓ Ability to naturally attract reptiles, butterflies, birds or mammals.

<sup>1</sup> For more information on amenity plantings on verges visit City of Darwin website.

http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/live/your-home/home-and-garden/nature-strips/recommended-trees

For more information on plants under powerlines and utilities visit Power and Water Corporation.

http://www.powerwater.com.au/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0015/14208/Allowable\_planting\_in\_Power\_and\_Water\_sewer\_and\_water\_easements\_-\_August\_2009.pdf

## 3. Species by Habitat

## **3.1 Monsoon Vine Thicket**

Monsoon vine thicket is found across Northern Australia and is sometimes referred to as dry vine forest or rainforest. Species found in monsoon vine thickets are fire sensitive and therefore traditionally grow in areas which provide some protection from fire events such as gorges or moisture soaks. A mature vine thicket community typically has a shady canopy and a clear, open understorey.





Habitat: Monsoon Vine Thicket							tracting		
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
No	Full	M	√	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓





#### Allosyncarpia ternata

Common name Allosyncarpia

#### Description

Large, spreading tree to 30m with dark grey to brown bark. Excellent shade tree with evergreen foliage.

#### Form and size Large tree to 30m tall.

Large tree to 30m tail.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thicl	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full / Part	Water L	Shade ✓	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Alphitonia excelsa

Common name Red Ash / Soap Tree

#### Description

Medium tree with layered branches and open crown. Leaves dark glossy green with almost white underside. Smooth mottled grey cream bark. Small creamy scented flowers during January to April.

Form and size Medium tree 5-15m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Nine Thic	ket	Animal At	tracting					
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade √	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Alstonia actinophylla

Common name Northern Milkwood

#### Description

Erect tree with thick trunk, dense crown and rough corky bark. Small creamy green flowers and milky white sap.

Form and size Large tree 10-20m tall.

Habitat:	Monsoor	Vine	Thick	ket

Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade √	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Antidesma ghaesembilla

Common name Black Currant

#### Description

Animal Attracting

Deciduous shrub or small tree with yellow green flowers during August to December. Pink to red fleshy fruit is edible.

## Form and size

Medium tree to 15m tall.

Habitat: Monsoon Vine Thicket							mal Attracting			
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full / Part	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓	





#### Breynia cernua

**Common name** Bird Apple

#### Description

Deciduous understorey shrub with green yellow/white flowers ranging from December to June. Small red fruit gives an offensive smell when crushed.

#### Form and size

Shrub 1-4m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Vine Thic	ket	Animal At	tracting					
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### **Clerodendrum floribundum**

Common name Clerodendrum

#### Description

Semi-deciduous shrub with white tubular flowers. Small dark red to purple fruits with star shaped bases.

#### Form and size Shrub / small tree to 5m tall.

Habitat: Monsoo	n Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal





#### *Cupaniopsis anacardiodes*

**Common name** Tuckeroo

#### Description

Small to medium evergreen tree with shiny dark green leaves. Small white to yellow flowers during July to September. Yellow berries with red-skinned black seeds.

#### Form and size

Medium tree 5-10m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Nine Thic	ket	Animal At	tracting					
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
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#### **Diospyros compacta**

Common name Australian Ebony

#### Description

Shrub to small tree. Can be pruned and maintained as a shrub with dark green glossy leaves. Fruit changes from yellow to red.

Form and size Shrub / small tree 3-6m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Part	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Ficus scobina

Common name Sandpaper Fig

Description Small tree with very coarse sandpaper like leaves, and small purple/black fruit during March to April.

#### Form and size Small tree to 8m tall.

Habitat: Monsoon Vine Thicket **Animal Attracting** Cum Water Shade Edible Scented Bentile Butterfly

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Snowball Bush / White Currant

Bird

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Mammal

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#### Description

Spreading shrub with edible, white fruit. Excellent shrub for attracting bird species.

Form and size Shrub to 2m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Nine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
Yes	Full	M	√	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓





#### Ganophyllum falcatum

Common name Scaly Ash

#### Description

Dense spreading crown with glossy dark green leaves. Small greenish white clusters of flowers during October to January followed by orange ovoid-shaped fleshy fruit.

Form and size Medium tree 10-15m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade √	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Leea rubra

Common name Leea

#### Description

Shrub with dark green leaves on thick stems. Masses of red flowers and red to black fruit during May to July.

#### Form and size Shrub 1-3m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thicl	ket		Animal Attracting					
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full / Part	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Maranthes corymbosa

Common name White Cloud Tree

Description Large tree with cream flowers in dense clusters during May to September.

Form and size Large tree 10-25m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Nine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
No	Full	M	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





#### Micromelum minutum

**Common name** Lime Berry

#### Description

Multi-stemmed shrub with small green cream flowers. Orange fleshy fruit during June to November. Ideal edge or screening tree.

#### Form and size

Large tree to 20m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Part	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Millettia pinnata

**Common name** Indian Beech / Pongamia

#### Description

Deciduous medium sized tree with dark green leaves. White to pink pea shaped flowers during September to December. Small brown fruits all year round.

#### Form and size

Medium tree 5-10m tall. Formerly known as Pongamia pinnata.

Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket				Animal Attracting			
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade √	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Mimusops elengi

Common name Red Coondoo

#### Description

Evergreen tree with dense crown of dark green leaves. Cream flowers followed by fleshy oval bright orange fruit.

Form and size Medium tree 10-15m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade ✓	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile ✓	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Morinda citrifolia

**Common name** Rotten Cheese Fruit

#### Description

Small to medium tree with sweetly scented white flowers. Fleshy white fruit give a pungent smell.

Form and size Small tree 3-8m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
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#### Murraya paniculata

**Common name** Orange Jasmine

**Description** Shrub with dark green glossy leaves. Fragrant white cream flowers followed by oval red fruit.

Form and size Shrub 2-10m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thicl	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full / Part	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Myrisctica insipida

Common name Native Nutmeg

#### Description

Spreading tree with horizontal branches and cream to brown flowers. Yellow green fruit containing a seed encased in red skin.

Form and size Medium tree 8-14m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thicl	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full / Part	Water M	Shade ✓	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Peltophorum pterocarpum

**Common name** Yellow Flame Tree

#### Description

Deciduous tree with spreading crown. Masses of yellow flowers followed by flat coppery seed pods.

#### Form and size Medium tree 10-15m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Pleomele angustifolia

**Common name** Native Dracaena

#### Description

Shrub with green strappy leaves and large heads of white to yellow/green flowers during June to October. Followed by bright red fruit.

#### Form and size

Shrub 1-5m tall. Formerly known as Dracaena agustifolia.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thic	ket				Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Part	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓	





#### Sterculia quadrifida

**Common name** Peanut Tree

#### Description

Medium to large shade tree. Bright red fruits and black seeds that are edible when husks are removed.

#### Form and size Medium tree 5-15m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Syzygium fibrosum

**Common name** Red Bush Apple

#### Description

Tree with dark green leaves. Masses of white flowers during March to May and clusters of bright pink edible fruit mid to late dry season.

#### Form and size

Small tree 5-8m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Syzygium nervosum

**Common name** River Apple

#### Description

Large evergreen tree with dense crown. Masses of white flowers during September to December followed by clusters of dark purple edible fruit.

Form and size Large tree 15-20m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Habitat: Monsoon Vine Thicket							Animal Attracting			
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓		





#### Tabernaemontana orientalis

**Common name** lodine Plant

#### Description

Small shrub with green leaves and snowy white flowers. Yellow/orange trisided, banana shaped fruit.

#### Form and size Shrub 1-3m tall.

Formerly known as Ervatamia pubescens / orientalis.

Habitat: Monsoor	Nine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Part	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Terminalia microcarpa

**Common name** Damson Plum

#### Description

Large spreading deciduous tree. Masses of heavily scented yellow flowers during September to November followed by oval purple fruit when ripe. Excellent tree for attracting various bird species.

Form and size Large tree 15-30m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	Nine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
No	Full	M	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





#### Vitex glabrata

**Common name** Vitex / Black Plum

#### Description

Deciduous medium sized tree with white or purple flowers during June to December followed by small purple black edible fruits.

#### Form and size Small tree 3-6m tall.

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Habitat: Monsoor	N Vine Thic	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal





#### Wrightia pubescens

**Common name** Wrightia

#### Description

Deciduous shrub with prolific white flowers during October to January.

Form and size Shrub 3-12m tall.

Habitat: Monsoor	n Vine Thicl	ket	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full / Part	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal

## 3.2 Wetland

Wetland species grow predominately in or around water and are often found near lakes and semi-permanent water holes. Use these plants to accent ponds or fountains in your patch, or plant them in other high moisture areas.







Habitat: Wetland			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Banksia dentata

**Common name** Banksia

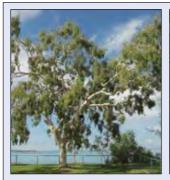
#### Description

Medium sized tree often described as straggly. Large yellow flowers in densely packed upright cylindrical spikes.

#### Form and size

Small tree 3-8m tall.

Habitat: Wetland			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Corymbia bella

**Common name** Ghost Gum / White Gum

#### Description

Spreading crown with drooping foliage. Small cream to white clusters of flowers during August to December.

Form and size Medium tree 8-15m tall.

Habitat: Wetland			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
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#### Grevillea pteridifolia

**Common name** Fern-leaved Grevillea

#### Description

Slender tree with silvery foliage and open crown. Numerous dense orange terminal flowers during May to October.

#### Form and size Shrub 5-10m tall.

Habitat: Wetland			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Nymphaea violacea

**Common name** Water Lily

#### Description

Perennial or annual aquatic plant with floating leaves. Large scented white to purple solitary flowers and seed pod all year round.

#### Form and size

Submerged aquatic plant. Flower stalks to 30cm leaves to 50cm wide.

Habitat: Wetland			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable N/A	Sun Full	Water	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird	Mammal





#### Nymphoides indica

Common name White Snowflake Lily

#### Description

Perennial or annual aquatic plant with floating leaves, and emergent yellow throated white frilled flowers during February to October.

#### Form and size

Submerged aquatic plant 20-60cm wide.

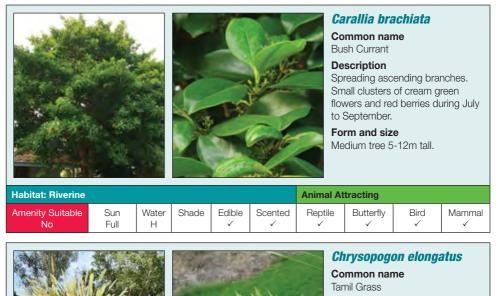
Habitat: Wetland			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable N/A	Sun Full / Part	Water	Shade	Edible √	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird	Mammal

Painted Grasshawk, Neurothemis stigmatizans.

## **3.3 Riverine**

Riparian zones are transitional areas between the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and are found along rivers and creek lines in the Top End. In your patch, use riverine species for areas which receive substantial seasonal rain and run-off. These species can also be planted in conjunction with monsoon vine thicket species.





**Description** Large densely tufted perennial grass with a fine white feathery plume for most of the year.

Form and size Grass to 3m tall.

Habitat: Riverine				Animal Attracting					
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Corymbia ptychocarpa

**Common name** Swamp Bloodwood

#### Description

Medium sized tree with a spreading crown and drooping branches. Large heads of showy flowers varying from white to pink and deep red during February to June.

#### Form and size

Medium tree 8-12m tall. Formerly eucalyptus ptychocarpa.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
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#### Cyclophyllum schultzii

**Common name** Canthium

#### Description

Small sized spreading tree with bright green leaves. Small white star shaped flowers in clusters along branches during September to November.

### Form and size

Small tree 2-8m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable	Sun	Water	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird	Mammal
Yes	Full	H		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





#### Fagraea racemosa

Common name Woodland Coffee

**Description** Glossy dark green leaved tree. Clusters of trumpet shaped fragrant white flowers.

Form and size Medium tree 4-10m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Helicia australasica

**Common name** Helicia

#### Description

Medium sized tree with evergreen foliage. White to cream heavily scented flowers followed by shiny dark purple and black edible fruit.

### Form and size

Medium tree 10-15m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Part	Water H	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Horsefieldia australiana

Common name Horsefieldia Nut

#### Description

Dense green crown with yellow green fruits containing a bright orange fleshed edible seed, visible in the wet season. To produce fruit group trees together.

### Form and size

Medium tree 10-15m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade √	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Hydriastele wendlandiana

**Common name** Wendland's Palm

#### Description

A cluster palm with multiple stems and feather like foliage. Strands of globular red fruits during July to November.

#### Form and size

Medium tree 10-15m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Part	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Leptospermum madidum

**Common name** Weeping Tea Tree

#### Description

Small tree with weeping branches and light green foliage. Leaves are aromatic when crushed.

Form and size Small tree 3-8m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal







#### Melastoma malabathricum

**Common name** Native Lasiandra

#### Description

Evergreen shrub with deep veined velvety leaves. Large purple flowers during November to January and edible purple fruits.

Form and size Shrub to 2m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Nauclea orientalis

Common name Leichardt Tree

#### Description

Semi-deciduous tall tree. Yellow flowers occur in compact globular heads. Fruit is fleshy cream to brown in colour with a strong smell when ripe.

#### Form and size Large tree 10-20m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Syzygium armstrongii

Common name Bush Apple

#### Description

Dense foliage tree with conical crown. White flowers followed by masses of white wrinkly edible fruit.

Form and size Medium tree 8-12m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Timonius timon

Common name Timonius

#### Description Slender tree with highly scented white tubular flowers during May to November.

Form and size Medium tree 5-15m tall.

Habitat: Riverine			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓

## 3.4 Coastal

As the name suggests coastal habitats are low lying areas near beaches and are predominately sand dune type vegetation. These plants are well suited to sandy, well-draining soils.

Coastal habitat species do not include mangrove or mudflat ecosystems.



Form and size Medium tree 5-10m tall.

	Cordia subcordata Common name Sea Trumpet Description Broad dense foliage. Large tubular trumpet like yellow or orange flowers. Form and size Medium tree 7-15m tall.									
Habitat: Coastal Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Anima Rept √		tracting Butterfly ✓	Bird √	Mammal ✓
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Habitat: Coastal						Animal At	tracting		
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird √	Mammal ✓





#### Hibiscus tiliaceous

**Common name** Beach Hibiscus

**Description** Medium tree with rounded crown and bright yellow flowers.

Form and size Small tree 5-8m tall.

Habitat: Coastal			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Vitex trifolia

**Common name** Blue Vitex

#### Description

Low growing spreading shrub with leaves divided into three. Masses of lilac flowers followed by fruit during July to October.

#### Form and size

Shrub to 3m tall.

Habitat: Coastal			Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal

Oleander butterfly, Euploea core.

## **3.5 Sandstone Escarpment**

Ranges and rocky outcrops are distinguishing features of the sandstone escarpment habitat which is found across the Northern Territory. Use sandstone species in rocky or sandy soils and plant in areas of your patch which receive little rainfall.









#### Acacia mountfordiae

**Common name** Mountford's Wattle

#### Description

Multi-stemmed shrub with weeping branches and grey green foliage. Bright yellow flowers during June to October.

#### Form and size Shrub 2-4m tall

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓



#### Calytrix brownii

**Common name** White Turkey Bush

#### Description

Evergreen bush with small star shaped flowers during February to December.

Form and size Shrub to 4m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Eucalyptus herbertiana

**Common name** Herbert's Gum

#### Description

Medium tree with relatively short trunk, rounded crown with weeping branches. Smooth white bark which is often salmon coloured when new. Small cream flowers during May to December.

#### Form and size

Medium tree 3-10m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### **Eucalyptus phoneciea**

**Common name** Scarlet Gum

#### Description

Slender multi-stemmed tree with light open crown. Dense pale yellow to scarlet florets during April to July.

#### Form and size Medium tree 7-12m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓



#### Gardenia fucata

**Common name** Cape Jasmine

#### Description

Small tree with glossy green leaves. White highly scented flowers during September to February.

Form and size Small tree to 4m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full / Part	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Grevillea formosa

**Common name** Mt Brockman Grevillea

#### Description

Spreading shrub with finely divided foliage. Flower buds are green, opening into large yellow orange flower spikes, with orange styles.

#### Form and size

Shrub 1-2m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Grevillea refracta

**Common name** Silver-leaf Grevillea

#### **Description** Open shrub or small tree with

slender silver leaves. Clusters of yellow, orange to red flowers.

#### Form and size Shrub / small tree to 4m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	Habitat: Sandstone Escarpment							Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓			





#### Jacksonia dilatata

Common name Jacksonia

#### Description

Perennial shrub with grey green leaves. Dense yellow pea flowers during May to November.

Form and size Shrub 2-4m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Pandanus basedowii

**Common name** Sandstone Pandanus

#### Description

Clumping palm like tree with prop roots. Strap like leaves with yellow fruits.

Form and size Small tree 3-5m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Persoonia falcata

**Common name** Milky Plum

#### **Description** Small tree with small green fruit that turns yellow when ripe and tastes similar to a mango.

Form and size Small tree to 4m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	Habitat: Sandstone Escarpment							Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓			





#### Verticordia cunninghamii

**Common name** Cunningham's Feather Flower

#### Description

Shrub with scented white to cream flowers during May to November.

#### Form and size Shrub to 5m tall.

Habitat: Sandstor	ne Escarpn	nent	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented ✓	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal √



## 3.6 Woodland

Woodland habitat dominates the Top End and typically has a multi storey vegetation structure. This habitat is often charactised by a Eucalypt or Corymbia overstorey with a mixed shrub understorey and grass and herbs groundcover. Use woodland species in larger areas of your patch or keep pruned for pots and smaller areas.







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#### Adansonia gregorii

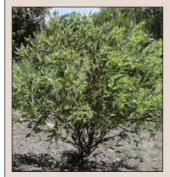
Common name Boab

#### Description

Deciduous tree with a large swollen bottle shaped stem. White to cream flowers during December to May.

Form and size Medium tree 2-12m tall.

Habitat: Woodlan	d	•	Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible ✓	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal ✓





#### Bossiaea bossiaeoides

**Common name** Holly-leaved Pea Flower

#### Description

Shrub with red new foliage before turning grey green. Clustered yellow pea shaped flowers during December to June.

### Form and size

Shrub to 2m tall.

Habitat: Woodlan	d		Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Calytrix exstipulata

**Common name** Turkey Bush

#### Description

Shrub with pinelike leaves. Pink to mauve star-shaped flowers from May to August. Crushed leaves have an antiseptic smell.

Form and size Shrub 1-4m tall.

Habitat: Woodlan	d		Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Cycas armstrongii

Common name Cycad

#### Description

Northern Territory threatened species. Deciduous palm-like plant. Flowers during March to September with a male rusty cone and female pendulous seed spikes.

Form and size Small tree 2-4m tall.

Habitat: Woodlan	d		Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Eucalyptus alba

**Common name** White Gum / Salmon Gum

#### Description

Large tree with an erect slender crown. Sheds smooth white bark annually. Small white clusters of flowers during July to September.

Form and size Large tree 10-18m tall.

Habitat: Woodlan	Habitat: Woodland							Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal			



#### Gardenia megasperma

**Common name** Gardenia

#### Description

Large glossy leaves. Attractive mottled bark. White flowers with edible globular green fruits during October to November.

Form and size Small tree 3- 6m tall.

Habitat: Woodlan	d		Animal Attracting						
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full / Part	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





#### Grevillea angulata

**Common name** Holly Leaf Grevillea

#### Description

Spreading shrub with holly shaped leaves and clusters of golden flowers.

Form and size Shrub to 2m tall.

Habitat: Woodland							Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal		





Grevillea decurrens

Common name Clothes Peg Tree

**Description** Small tree with lime green leaves. Pink flowers during November to April.

Form and size Small tree to 4m tall.

Habitat: Woodland						Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal	





#### Grevillea dryandri

**Common name** Dryander's Grevillea

**Description** Spreading low woody shrub. Numerous large red terminal flowers during January to May.

Form and size Shrub to 2m tall.

Habitat: Woodland							Animal Attracting				
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile ✓	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal		





### Grevillea goodii

**Common name** Creeping Grevillea

#### Description

Ground covering shrub. Pink to red flowers during November to April.

Form and size Shrub to 3m tall.

Habitat: Woodland				Animal Attracting					
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





### Livistona humilis

**Common name** Sand Palm

### Description

Slender palm with old leaf bases remaining on the trunk. Yellow flowers and black oval fruit.

Form and size Small tree 2-5m tall.

Habitat: Woodland				Animal Attracting					
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water H	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal





### Melaluca minutifolia

**Common name** Paperbark

**Description** Small tree or shrub. White to cream flowers during March to December.

Form and size Small tree to 2-4m tall.

Habitat: Woodland				Animal Attracting					
Amenity Suitable Yes	Sun Full	Water L	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly ✓	Bird ✓	Mammal



### Pandanus spiralis

**Common name** Screw Palm / Pandanus

#### Description

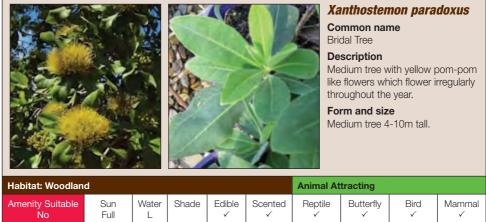
Palm like tree with multiple heads formed from branches. Long strap-like spiny leaves and orange wedge shaped fruits.

### Form and size

Medium tree 3-10m tall.

Habitat: Woodland				Animal Attracting					
Amenity Suitable No	Sun Full	Water M	Shade	Edible	Scented	Reptile	Butterfly	Bird ✓	Mammal





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## 4. Weeds

Weeds threaten Australia's natural environment and primary production industries by reducing the quality and extent of productive land for both crops and livestock. Some species spread much faster than can be controlled, and so we all have a role to play in preventing the introduction and spread of weeds across Darwin and the Top End. This section provides a quick identification of commonly found weeds in our local Darwin area.

For further information on how the City of Darwin manages weeds, see the *Weed Management Guide* at http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/climate-change/pests/weed-management

For more information on how to treat weeds or to report an infestation of weeds, contact the Weeds Branch, Northern Territory Government on (08) 8999 5511 or visit http://www.lrm.nt.gov.au/weeds

## 4.1 Commonly found weeds in Darwin

Common Name: Alligator Weed Scientific Name: *Alternanthera philoxeroides* 

Common Name: Barlerias Scientific Name: *Barleria prionitis* and *lupilina* 

Common Name: Bellyache Bush Scientific Name: *Jatropha gossypifolia* 

Common Name: Butter Fly Pea Scientific Name: *Clitoria ternatea* 

Common Name: Calopo Scientific Name: Calopogonium mucunoides

Common Name: Candle Bush Scientific Name: Senna alata













## 4.1 Commonly found weeds in Darwin continued

Common Name: Centro Scientific Name: Centrosema molle

Common Name: Chinee Apple Scientific Name: *Ziziphus mauritiana* 

Common Name: Coffee Bush Scientific Name: *Leucaena leucocephala* 

Common Name: Coral Vine Scientific Name: *Antigonon leptopus* 

Common Name: Exotic Ground Orchid Scientific Name: *Eulophia graminea* 

Common Name: Flannel weed Scientific Name: Sida cordifolia

Common Name: Gambia Pea Scientific Name: *Crotalaria spp.* 

Common Name: Guinea Grass Scientific Name: *Panicum maximum* 

Common Name: Hyptis Scientific Name: *Hyptis suaveolens* 



















## 4.1 Commonly found weeds in Darwin continued

Common Name: Itch grass Scientific Name: *Rottboellia cochinchinensis* 

Common Name: Lantana Common and Creeping Scientific Name: Lantana camara and montevensis

Common Name: Mission grass Scientific Name: *Pennisetum polystachion* 

Common Name: Neem Scientific Name: *Azadirachta indica* 

Common Name: Pond Apple Scientific Name: Annona glabra

Common Name: Rubber vine Scientific Name: *Cryptostegia grandiflora* and *madagascarensis* 

Common Name: Sicklepod Scientific Name: Senna obtusifolia

Common Name: Snake weed Scientific Name: *Stachytarpheta spp.* 

Common Name: Spinyhead sida Scientific Name: *Sida acuta* 



















# 5. Glossary

Aquatic - Relating to, or living in water.

**Canopy** – Layer of vegetation above the ground formed by plant crowns (see diagram below).

**Coastal Habitat** – Beach and sand dune based plant communities that occur on, or near the coast.

**Habitat** – A place organisms are found in groupings defined by a set of common physical attributes (see diagram below).

**Monsoon Vine Thicket Habitat** – A type of rainforest ecosystem with patches of dense vegetation with the upper storey characterized by one or two semi-deciduous dominant trees.

**Overstorey** – Above ground portion of a plant community or habitat, formed by plant crowns (see diagram below).

**Riverine Habitat**– A plant grouping that dominates river banks and other areas adjacent to rivers and streams. Associated with riparian areas.

**Sandstone Escarpment Habitat** – A ridge or plateau created by weathering and erosion processes separating the landscape into differing levels. Often associated with sandstone sedimentary rock deposits.

**Shrub** – A woody plant that usually has multiple stems from near ground level and no distinct crown formation.

**Species** – A group of living organisms that are similar and capable of interbreeding and exchanging genes.

**Terrestrial** – Relating or pertaining to the land.

**Tree** – A plant with a dominate central woody stem that leads to a head of branches forming a crown. Divided in this resource as small, medium and large trees based on the upper likely growth form of each species:

Small tree – plants with a single dominant stem to 0-8m.

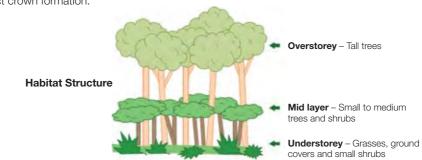
Medium tree – plants with a single dominant stem 9m-15m.

Large tree – plants with a single dominant stem growing over 15m tall at maturity.

**Understorey** – The lower level canopy often found in forest and woodland habitats (see diagram below).

Wetland Habitat – A lowland area of open water, such as a lake or swamp, which is saturated with moisture from either surface or ground water.

**Woodland Habitat** – A plant community that is dominated by widely spaced, mature trees where crowns seldom touch, with an understorey of shrubs and grasses.



## **Index by Species**

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Acacia	auriculiformis	Black Wattle	Monsoon	No	6
Acacia	dunnii	Elephant Ear Wattle	Sandstone	Yes	26
Acacia	gonocarpa	Acacia	Woodland	Yes	31
Acacia	mountfordiae	Mountford's Wattle	Sandstone	Yes	26
Acacia	nuperrima	Acacia	Woodland	Yes	31
Adansonia	gregorii	Boab	Woodland	No	32
Allosyncarpia	ternata	Allosyncarpia	Monsoon	No	6
Alphitonia	excelsa	Red Ash / Soap Tree	Monsoon	No	7
Alstonia	actinophylla	Northern Milkwood	Monsoon	No	7
Antidesma	ghaesembilla	Black Currant	Monsoon	No	7
Asteromyrtus	magnifica	Medicine Leaf	Wetland	Yes	16
Asteromyrtus	symphyocarpa	Liniment Tree	Wetland	No	16
Banksia	dentata	Banksia	Wetland	No	17
Bossiaea	bossiaeoides	Holly-leaved Pea Flower	Woodland	Yes	32
Breynia	cernua	Bird Apple	Monsoon	Yes	8
Calytrix	brownii	White Turkey Bush	Sandstone	Yes	27
Calytrix	exstipulata	Turkey Bush	Woodland	Yes	32
Carallia	brachiata	Bush Currant	Riverine	No	19
Chrysopogon	elongatus	Tamil Grass	Riverine	Yes	19
Clerodendrum	floribundum	Clerodendrum	Monsoon	No	8
Cordia	subcordata	Sea Trumpet	Coastal	No	24
Corymbia	bella	Ghost Gum / White Gum	Wetland	No	17
Corymbia	ptychocarpa	Swamp Bloodwood	Riverine	No	20
Cupaniopsis	anacardiodes	Tuckeroo	Monsoon	No	8
Cycas	armstrongii	Cycad	Woodland	No	33
Cyclophyllum	schultzii	Canthium	Riverine	Yes	20
Dillenia	alata	Red Beech	Coastal	No	24
Diospyros	compacta	Australian Ebony	Monsoon	No	9
Eucalyptus	alba	White Gum / Salmon Gum	Woodland	No	33
Eucalyptus	herbertiana	Herbert's Gum	Sandstone	No	27
Eucalyptus	phoneciea	Scarlet Gum	Sandstone	No	27
Fagraea	racemosa	Woodland Coffee	Riverine	No	20
Ficus	scobina	Sandpaper Fig	Monsoon	No	9
Flueggea	virosa	Snowball Bush / White Currant	Monsoon	Yes	9
Ganophyllum	falcatum	Scaly Ash	Monsoon	No	10
Gardenia	fucata	Cape Jasmine	Sandstone	Yes	28
Gardenia	megasperma	Gardenia	Woodland	No	33
Grevillea	angulata	Holly Leaf Grevillea	Woodland	Yes	34
Grevillea	decurrens	Clothes Peg Tree	Woodland	Yes	34
Grevillea	dryandri	Dryander's Grevillea	Woodland	Yes	34

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Grevillea	formosa Mt Brockman Grevillea		Sandstone	Yes	28
Grevillea	pteridifolia	Fern-leaved Grevillea	Wetland	No	17
Grevillea	refracta	Silver-leaf Grevillea	Sandstone	Yes	28
Helicia	australasica	Helicia	Riverine	No	21
Hibicus	tiliaceous	Beach Hibiscus	Coastal	No	25
Horsefieldia	australiana	Horsfieldia Nut	Riverine	No	21
Hydriastele	wendlandiana	Wendland's Palm	Riverine	No	21
Jacksonia	dilatata	Jacksonia	Sandstone	Yes	29
Leea	rubra	Leea	Monsoon	Yes	10
Leptospermum	madidum	Weeping Tea Tree	Riverine	No	22
Livistona	benthamii	Fan Palm	Riverine	No	22
Livistona	humilis	Sand Palm	Woodland	No	35
Maranthes	corymbosa	White Cloud Tree	Monsoon	No	10
Melalauca	minutifolia	Paperbark	Woodland	Yes	35
Melastoma	malabathricum	Native Lasiandra	Riverine	Yes	22
Micromelum	minutum	Lime Berry	Monsoon	No	11
Millettia	pinnata	Indian Beech / Pongamia	Monsoon	No	11
Mimusops	elengi	Red Coondoo	Monsoon	No	11
Morinda	citrifolia	Rotten Cheese Fruit	Monsoon	No	12
Murraya	paniculata	Orange Jasmine	Monsoon	No	12
Myrisctica	insipida	Native Nutmeg	Monsoon	No	12
Nauclea	orientalis	Leichardt Tree	Riverine	No	23
Nymphaea	violacea	Water Lily	Wetland	Not applicable	18
Nymphoides	indica	White Snowflake Lily	Wetland	Not applicable	18
Pandanus	basedowii	Sandstone Pandanus	Sandstone	No	29
Pandanus	spiralis	Screw Palm / Pandanus	Woodland	No	36
Peltophorum	pterocarpum	Yellow Flame Tree	Monsoon	No	13
Persoonia	falcata	Milky Plum	Sandstone	Yes	29
Petalostigma	pubescens	Quinine Tree	Woodland	No	36
Pleomele	angustifolia	Native Dracaena	Monsoon	Yes	13
Sterculia	quadrifida	Peanut Tree	Monsoon	No	13
Syzygium	armstrongii	Bush Apple	Riverine	No	23
Syzygium	fibrosum	Red Bush Apple	Monsoon	No	14
Syzygium	nervosum	River Apple	Monsoon	No	14
Tabernaemontana	orientalis	Iodine Plant	Monsoon	Yes	14
Terminalia	microcarpa	Damson Plum	Monsoon	No	15
Timonius	timon	Timonius	Riverine	No	23
Verticordia	cunninghamii	Cunningham's Feather Flower	Sandstone	Yes	30
Vitex	glabrata	Vitex / Black Plum	Monsoon	No	15
Vitex	trifolia	Blue Vitex	Coastal	Yes	25
Wrightia	pubescens	Wrightia	Monsoon	No	15
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Leea	Leea	rubra	Monsoon	Yes	10
Leichardt Tree	Nauclea	orientalis	Riverine	No	23
Lime Berry	Micromelum	minutum	Monsoon	No	11
Liniment Tree	Asteromyrtus	symphyocarpa	Wetland	No	16

Common Name	Genus Name	Species Name	Habitat type	Suitable under powerlines	Page
Medicine Leaf	Asteromyrtus	magnifica	Wetland	Yes	16
Milky Plum	Persoonia	falcata	Sandstone	Yes	29
Mountford's Wattle	Acacia	mountfordiae	Sandstone	Yes	26
Mt Brockman Grevillea	Grevillea	formosa	Sandstone	Yes	28
Native Dracaena	Pleomele	angustifolia	Monsoon	Yes	13
Native Lasiandra	Melastoma	malabathricum	Riverine	Yes	22
Native Nutmeg	Myrisctica	insipida	Monsoon	No	12
Northern Milkwood	Alstonia	actinophylla	Monsoon	No	7
Orange Jasmine	Murraya	paniculata	Monsoon	No	12
Paperbark	Melalauca	minutifolia	Woodland	Yes	35
Peanut Tree	Sterculia	quadrifida	Monsoon	No	13
Quinine Tree	Petalostigma	pubescens	Woodland	No	36
Red Ash / Soap Tree	Alphitonia	excelsa	Monsoon	No	7
Red Beech	Dillenia	alata	Coastal	No	24
Red Bush Apple	Syzygium	fibrosum	Monsoon	No	14
Red Coondoo	Mimusops	elengi	Monsoon	No	11
River Apple	Syzygium	nervosum	Monsoon	No	14
Rotten Cheese Fruit	Morinda	citrifolia	Monsoon	No	12
Sand Palm	Livistona	humilis	Woodland	No	35
Sandpaper Fig	Ficus	scobina	Monsoon	Yes	9
Sandstone Pandanus	Pandanus	basedowii	Sandstone	No	29
Scaly Ash	Ganophyllum	falcatum	Monsoon	No	10
Scarlet Gum	Eucalyptus	phoneciea	Sandstone	No	27
Screw Palm / Pandanus	Pandanus	spiralis	Woodland	No	36
Sea /Trumpet	Cordia	subcordata	Coastal	No	24
Silver-leaf Grevillea	Grevillea	refracta	Sandstone	Yes	28
Snowball Bush / White Currant	Flueggea	virosa	Monsoon	Yes	9
Swamp Bloodwood	Corymbia	ptychocarpa	Riverine	No	20
Tamil Grass	Chrysopogon	elongatus	Riverine	Yes	19
Timonius	Timonius	timon	Riverine	No	23
Tuckeroo	Cupaniopsis	anacardiodes	Monsoon	No	8
Turkey Bush	Calytrix	exstipulata	Woodland	Yes	32
Vitex / Black Plum	Vitex	glabrata	Monsoon	No	15
Water Lily	Nymphaea	violacea	Wetland	Not applicable	18
Weeping Tea Tree	Leptospermum	madidum	Riverine	No	22
Wendland's Palm	hydriastele	wendlandiana	Riverine	No	21
White Cloud Tree	Maranthes	corymbosa	Monsoon	No	10
White Gum / Salmon Gum	Eucalyptus	alba	Woodland	No	33
White Snowflake Lily	Nymphoides	indica	Wetland	Not applicable	18
White Turkey Bush	Calytrix	brownii	Sandstone	Yes	27
Woodland Coffee	Fagraea	racemosa	Riverine	No	20
Wrightia	Wrightia	pubescens	Monsoon	No	15
Yellow Flame Tree	Peltophorum	pterocarpum	Monsoon	No	13

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### For Further Information

For information on amenity plantings on verges visit the City of Darwin website.

http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/live/your-home/home-and-garden/nature-strips/recommended-trees

For information on plants under powerlines and near other utilities visit the Power and Water Corporation website.

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