

Watersaver plant guide for Allconnex Water residents

The following plant species are ideal for our subtropical climate. Observe seasonal changes to discover what works best for a water efficient garden.



Name	Description	Soil preference	Growing conditions
Midyim Berry <i>Austromyrtus dulcis</i>	Grows to 50cm, spreading to 1 metre.	Will tolerate wetter conditions, but generally hardy.	Grows well in full sun and copes with coastal conditions.
Poorinda Royal Mantle <i>Grevillea</i>	Grows 30cm high, spreading 3m, red flowers.	Well drained, sandy soil.	Sun and wind tolerant.
Snake Vine <i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	Fast growing twiner with lush green leaves and starry yellow flowers.	Sandy dunes preferred. Will adapt to other soils provided drainage is excellent.	Full sun to part shade preferred.
Knobby Clubrush <i>Isolepis nodosa</i>	Ideal for planting around pond margins. Brownish, globular flower heads are produced through the year.	Tolerates salty spray, waterlogged and saline soils.	A tough, hardy plant which thrives in full sun in a range of soils.
Lomandra <i>Lomandra hystrix</i> & <i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Grass-like with strappy leaves. Flowers are small but some cultivars are scented.	Suited to most soil types. Full sun or part shade.	Tolerates coastal sea breezes.
Creeping Boobialla <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> & <i>Myoporum ellipticum</i>	Native groundcovers grown mainly to produce a nice green natural carpet over the ground.	Well drained, sandy soil preferred. Clay soils shorten lifespan of this plant.	Full sun to part shade. Tolerates wind and coastal salt.
Scaevola Mauve Clusters <i>Scaevola albida</i>	Forms a dense mat to 50cm high with mauve fan-shaped flowers.	Hardy and suitable for coastal areas, in rockery and pot/container	Prefers sun/part shade.
Warrigal Spinach <i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i>	Succulent green leaves with small yellow flower.	Sandy soil preferred.	Ideal for coastal sandy gardens.
There are plenty of other good groundcovers varieties: <i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i> , <i>Dianella brevipedunculata</i> , <i>Dianella caerulea</i> , <i>Dianella congesta</i> , <i>Goodenia rotundifolia</i> , <i>Scaevola aemula</i> , <i>Themeda triandra</i> , <i>Viola hederacea</i> , <i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i> .			

Tall Baeckea <i>Babingtonia virgata</i>	Grows to 1.5m high, spreading 1.5m in diameter. Small white flowers.	Well drained clay / sandy soil.	Full sun and wind tolerant.
Fern-leaved Banksia <i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>	Grows to 1.5m high with yellow flowers. Well suited to small gardens in the ground or as a container plant.	Easy to grow in well-drained soils.	Favours a position in full sun or dappled shade
Swamp Banksia <i>Banksia robur</i>	Small to medium shrub, 2 to 3m high and wide. The large leaves are stiff and leathery.	Will tolerate poor sandy soils and poor drainage.	Grows quickly. Full sun is required for good flowering.
Palm Lily <i>Cordyline petiolaris</i>	Grows 1m with long, strap-like leaves. White to purple flowers and red berries.	A hardy species for moist soils.	Prefers semi shade. Makes an excellent container plant and can be kept indoors.
Sago Palm <i>Cycas revoluta</i>	Striking architectural plant with rosette foliage structure. Stiff, dark green fronds. Mostly less than 2m tall but up to 2m wide.	Well drained soil essential. Adapted to sand, shale, loam soils.	Grows in full sun and part shade. Tolerant of minor coastal spray.
Myrtle <i>Melaleuca spp</i>	Extremely variable and attractive large shrubs with brilliant flowers.	Prefer free-draining, light sandy soil, making them ideal for coastal situations.	Position in full sun for best flower display, but will tolerate part shade.
Bird of Paradise <i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	Grows to 1m high, spreading 1m. Striking blue / orange flower.	Well drained clay / sandy soil with a good fertiliser.	Grows best in part sun / shade. Wind and salt tolerant.
Coastal Rosemary <i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	Bushy shrub with small leaves and blue-mauve or white flowers.	Well drained soils. Ideal for coastal gardens.	Best in full sun.
There are plenty of other great shrubs: <i>Alchornea ilicifolia</i> , <i>Banksia spinulosa</i> , <i>Eupomatia laurina</i> , <i>Hibiscus heterophyllus</i> , <i>Hovea acutifolia</i> , <i>Melaleuca thymifolia</i> , <i>Ozothamnus diosmifolius</i> , <i>Pultenaea villosa</i> .			

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Climbers	Shiny-leaved Gum Vine Aphanopetalum resinolum	A native twining climber. Flowers are greenish yellow.	Requires little water. Needs a post or some wires to twine up.	Thrives in subtropical climate.
	Red Riding Hood Dipladenia sanderi	Hardy climber with dark green foliage. Produces large, rose-pink flowers for most of the year.	Prefers sandy soil that needs to be well drained.	Full sun.
	Native wisteria Callerya megasperma	Tall woody vigorous climber with pink/white flowers.	Easy to grow in well-drained soils.	Grows well in warmer coastal areas.
	Native Sarsaparilla Hardenbergia violacea	Moderate climber with pink/white flowers	Adaptable to most soil varieties.	Sunnier positions will usually result in better flowering.
	Wonga Wonga Vine Pandorea pandorana	A vigorous twining plant. Flowers are tubular and cream/purple.	Tolerates sand and loamy soils.	Very hardy. Once established, will tolerate extended dry periods.
	Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Vine Pararistolochia praevenosa	Vigorous climber.	Frequent watering, good drainage and applications of native plant fertiliser are required.	Grows best in semi shade with protection from hot sun and wind.
	Fraser Island Creeper Tecomanthe hillii	This is a small bushy climber with lovely glossy foliage.	Can grow in damp or sandy soil conditions.	Ideal for a shady garden border.
	Star Jasmine Trachelospermum jasminoides	Perfumed white flowers.	Requires a well-drained moderately retentive soil.	Likes full sun or with part-day shade. Likes to self-cling on walls.

Trees	Kurrajong Brachychiton populneus	Large native trees which are stout with glossy-green foliage. Flowers are bell-shaped.	Thrives on deeper soils but tolerant in dry conditions.	Well suited to full sun.
	Crape Myrtle Lagerstroemia indica	Small deciduous tree with highly decorative ascending branches. Grows 3-6m high.	Adapted to most soil types. Moderate to high drought and urban tolerance.	Prefers full sun for best flower display.
	Screw Pine Pandanus tectorius	Coastal small tree characteristic of beach locations. Grows up to 5-6m with prop roots.	Needs good drainage. Sandy soils best. Roots can be invasive.	Best in seaside gardens in full sun.
	Coastal banksia Banksia integrifolia	Hardy tree with dark green leaves that have a silvery underside. Can grow up to 20m.	Prefers sandy soil.	Sun, wind and salt tolerant.
	Tuckeroo Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Grows 7m high, spreading up to 4m in diameter. Has orange, bird attracting flowers.	Well drained, clay/sandy soil. Likes coastal areas.	Very hardy in sun/shade. Wind and salt tolerant.
	Tulipwood Harpullia pendula	Hardy, fast growing and grows 8m high. Orange, bird attracting flowers.	Well drained, clay/sandy soil.	Prefers full sun.
	Southern Magnolia Magnolia grandiflora	A fast-growing, evergreen tree. Huge white perfumed flowers and glossy foliage.	Performs best in rich, moist, free-draining soil.	In full sun or part shade and a sheltered position.
	Blue Lilly Pilly Syzygium oleosum	A hardy medium tree capable of reaching 15m, with a tidy pyramidal shape. Has white flowers and pink fruit.	Enjoys fertile, moist, well drained soil.	Prefers full sun but tolerates some shade. Requires minimal pruning.
There are plenty of other great tree varieties: Acronychia imperforata, Banksia aemula, Callitris columellaris, Hymenosporum flavum, Lophostemon suaveolens, Melia azedarach, Stenocarpus sinuatus, Toona ciliata				

Grass	Easy grass Zoysia	Dark green colour, can grow to 5cm and is one of the most drought resistant lawns.	Grows in sandy and clay soil types. Thrives in heat and humidity.	Sun & moderate shade. Low maintenance. Keeps good appearance even with little water.
	Seashore Paspalums Paspalum vaginatum	Bright green colour, grows easily with excellent drought tolerance.	Grows well in light sandy or clay soil. Can tolerate saline and recycled water.	Shade tolerance is poor.
	Soft Leaf Buffalo Stenotaphrum Secundatum B12	Emerald green colour, can grow to 6.4cm and is drought resistant and hardy.	Grows in sandy, sandy loam and clay soils.	Grows reasonably in shade and needs less mowing than some other grasses
	Centipede grass Eremochloa ophiuroides	Bright green course textured grass that requires low maintenance.	Tolerates sandy acid soils well. Hardy	Does not tolerate shade or excessive wear and tear due to slow growth rate.