





## Native Plants that grow in our Bungendore Gardens.





JS = Joan 's garden

MD = Marilynne 's garden



### TREES




<p>JS</p>	<p>I have planted 3 wattles...<u>Acacia Cardiophylla</u>.(West Wyalong Wattle).a small fast growing wattle with ferny foliage...not always easy to get but Cool Country Natives would be able to advise alternatives. This is to provide a canopy to protect the plants from the harsh summer sun and our winter frosts, also fixes nitrogen in the soil.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Acacia Cardiophylla</i></p>
<p>MD</p>	<p>I have planted a few acacia species.</p> <p><u>Acacia Floribunda</u> – graceful, easy to grow</p> <p><u>Acacia Pravissima</u> – Oven’s Wattle – which I have used as a garden sculpture. It encircles the Floribunda and I keep it hedged to just over a metre. Very dense. Easily pruned. There is a small shrub (that’s what I should have got) and a prostrate form of this. Hardy and really interesting leaves.</p> <p><u>Acacia Cognata</u> is a lovely bright green small tree with a weeping habit. I lost the first one I tried to grow, but have had success since planting in a more sheltered spot and protecting from frost for the first two winters. Still get nervous about it in winter. There is the small form of it used for borders in Canberra but not here.</p> <p><u>Banksia Serrata</u> ‘Old Man Banksia – grown from a seedling from my son’s place in Sydney. Has grown easily.</p> <p><b>EUCALYPTS</b></p> <p>I have a dozen eucalypts, mostly dwarf varieties, which grow between 5 to 7 or so metres, so not very dwarf! I did try the gorgeous grafted Summer Red and Summer pink – gifts from family in Sydney – but these failed, despite protection.</p> <p><u>Eucalyptus pauciflora</u> Snow Gum Have grown easily and are a lovely ta;; habitat for a family of Rosellas who nest there. There are dwarf varieties of this. Eucalyptus pauciflora 'Little Snowman' -</p> <p><u>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</u> 'Euky Dwarf'. If you want to have one eucalyptus In your garden, this could be it. Flowers prolifically., lovely pink flowers.</p> <p><u>Eucalyptus pauciflora</u> Little Snowman or Edna Walling – as good as Euky Dwarf but with white flowers. It looks as though it will be a metre or so taller.</p> <p><u>Eucalyptus cassia</u> Silver Princess an interesting weeping form which I am trying but don’t know if it will thrive. It was a gift from someone who lives in a kinder climate.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Acacia Praviissima</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eucalyptus pauciflora Little Snowman</i></p>

## LARGE SHRUBS





<p>JS</p>	<p><u>Callistemon Citrinus</u> 'Kings Park Special' ...can grow up to 3 to 4 metres....I keep mine clipped as I don't have a lot of space and I didn't realize how big it would get!</p> <p><u>Callistemon Baroondah</u>...beautiful weeping bottlebrush...about 2metres might not be still available. Mauve Mist is a good alternative.</p> <p>I have some smaller growing bottlebrush ..names escape me...last visit to CCN...was amazed at the selection of bottlebrushes, groundcover ..small, medium, large , all sorts ....I prefer weeping varieties.... Something for all sites. Very tough plants. It is a cultivar of LEPTOSPERMUM</p>	 <p><i>Callistemon Kings Park Special</i></p>  <p><i>Callistemon Baroondah Station</i></p>
<p>MD</p>	<p>I have had success with Callistemon too. So I would add to the list Other Callistemons growing happily in my garden are Callistemon 'Pink Champagne' and Callistemon 'Injune' and Callistemon 'Purple Splendens'</p> <p><u>Banksia Marginata</u> 'Silver Banksia' which is a large shrub/small tree is growing well. Joan has a dwarf version of this.</p> <p><u>Grevillea 'Canberra Gem'</u> grows to about 2.5m is hardy but quite prickly, so you need to pick the right spot. It is a cultivar of G. Juniperis x G Rosmariniflora</p> <p><u>Grevillea Victoriae</u> Dense, fast growing and very hardy.</p>	 <p><i>Callistemon 'Injune'</i></p>  <p><i>Banksia Marginata</i></p>

## MEDIUM SHRUBS 1.5 to 2m

<p>JS</p>	<p>GREVILLEA</p> <p><u>Grevillea 'Lady O'</u> is a favourite ..once established rewards with lots of flowers...give it some room as it can get to 2m....I also have some spiky grevilleas lots to choose from and very hardy , provide protection for small birds.</p> <p><u>Grevillea Wilkinsonii</u>.....has been slow to take off , growing well now after all the rain is yet to flower.</p> <p><u>Grevillea iaspicula</u>....endangered species...does well but short lived...drops seed so goes on in my garden.</p>	 <p><i>Grevillea 'Lady O'</i></p>  <p><i>Grevillea Wilkinsonii</i></p>
<p>MD</p>	<p>I must try Lady O again – tried it right at the start and it didn't make it. I have Grevillea Rosmariniflora</p>	



<p>JS</p>	<p>LEPTOSPERMUM</p> <p>Fabulous screening plant Peter Ollerenshaw has a huge selection...all colours and sizes...web site <a href="http://www.bywonnursery.com.au">www.bywonnursery.com.au</a> to see the range. Note that this is a wholesale nursery which sells to Canberra nurseries.</p> <p>I have 2 <u>Leptospermum Rudolph</u> planted in the wrong spot as I'm always experimenting...wish I had planted as a screen...still might.</p> <p><u>Philotheca</u> Very tough ..white flowers in spring....tip prune..</p> <p><u>Prostanthera</u> ..mint bush....beautiful perfume and looks wonderful in spring...had a whole row but another casualty of the wet weather...short lived but worth planting for their beauty.</p>	 <p><i>Leptospermum 'Rudolph</i></p>  <p><i>Philotheca</i></p>
<p>MD</p>	<p><u>Philotheca</u> is one of my real favourites and there are quite a few varieties from medium to small. They have a lovely scent and are spectacular when in full flower. I couldn't find them for a while as I was looking for Eriostemon, which is what I had known them as,</p> <p><u>Westringia Fruticosa</u> 'Coastal Rosemary' has been a good performer in my garden. Grows to about 2m. There are white and blue flowering varieties.</p>	 <p><i>Westringia Fruticosa</i></p>

**SMALL SHRUBS**





<p>JS</p>	<p><u>Baeckea virgata</u> 'la Petite.' ...lovely lime green soft foliage small rounded</p> <p><u>Banksia marginata</u> dwarf. Also larger form ..one of the few banksia ..that I can grow</p> <p>CORREAS</p> <p>I have several and all doing well...survive in the shade, under trees where nothing else will grow...very tough plant...love them.</p> <p>Favourites....Little Cate Annabell ...Adorabell..Jezabell...Canberra bells</p> <p>Peter Ollerenshaw has done a lot of work on the correa...breeding for more flowers etc....Big range'</p>	 <p><i>Baeckea virgata 'La Petite.</i></p>  <p><i>Correa</i></p>
	 <p><u>C. Little Cate</u>      <u>C. Annabell</u>      <u>C. Adorabell</u>      <u>C. Jezabell</u>      <u>Canberra Bells</u></p> <p><u>Micromyrtus ciliata</u> prostrate form....my new favored it survives the frost and has lovely soft foliage and attractive white flowers in spring...and with age can spread over 3 m...this I've yet to experience. Pretty tough but lost several to wet feet...not something that I have had to worry about before this year.</p> <p><u>Westringia</u> I grow the smaller varieties and also a dwarf v. Tough plants that can be pruned into mounds.</p>	 <p><i>Micromyrtus ciliata</i></p>




## GRASSESES and FERNS

<p>JS</p>	<p><u>Lomandra tanika</u> .... lime green adds interest and habitat for small animals Can be divided easily.</p> <p>Have grown the larger Lomandra but found it invasive in my small garden. Xanthorrhoea...the grass tree....I have one that is doing very well...it was grown from seed by my son-in-law...hasn't flowered as yet but maybe this year! I just love it. Maybe 8yrs.old?</p>	 <p><i>Lomandra Tanika</i></p>
<p>MD</p>	<p><u>Lomandra Longifolia</u> – the large Lomandra. Need to be divided to keep at a reasonable size in a town garden, not the easiest thing to do.</p> <p><u>Dianella caerulea</u> ‘Blue Flax Lily’ is growing quite well. There are some smaller varieties that I might try. I cut it back in winter.</p> <p><u>Dicksonia Antrartica</u> ‘soft tree fern’ – I have growing in a special place in the garden. I do need to provide some shelter for it but it has thrived.</p>	 <p><i>Dianella caerulea Blue Flax Lily</i></p>

## GROUNDCOVERS/PROSTRATE

<p>JS</p>	<p><u>Brachyscombe</u> flowering purple daisy plant....can be divided and spread around the garden</p> <p><u>Grevillia lanigera</u> ‘Mount Tamboritha’;...one of my best performing plants...it is the most popular form of Grevillia Lanigera in cultivation ... survives our harsh climate...frost, dry summers and even wet feet! A keeper!.. I have several variants of this great little plant.</p> <p><u>Myoporum</u>... great for covering large areas, can also be a substitute for lawn...I prefer fine leaf variety.</p> <p><u>Scleranthus</u>...lime green mounding groundcover ..can grow over rocks...beautiful....needs water...has done really well this year.</p>	 <p><i>Brachyscombe</i></p>  <p><i>Grevillia lanigera</i></p>  <p><i>Scleranthus</i></p>
<p>MD</p>	<p><u>Myoporum Parvifolium</u> is my favourite groundcover and I am growing it in lots of places in my garden where it will eventually replace the need to mulch. Very tough and drought tolerant. There is a broadleaf version of this that is even tougher. I had it as a lawn replacement in our last place.</p> <p><u>Acacia baileyana</u> ‘Prostrate’ Cootamundra Wattle is the most spectacle one I have and now covers an area of about 3m x These wattles are short-living – from 10-15 years and mine is 10 years old. The species has been listed as a weed in ACT in 2015. I will have to think about replacing it.</p>	 <p><i>Myoporum Parvifolium</i></p>

	<p>I have several different prostrate grevilleas which are establishing well and a prostrate Banksia – not sure of the variety – which has been very slow growing.</p> <p>Now that I have a canopy and some more sheltered spots, I am going to try Hardenbergia again. It grew beautifully, hugely, one summer which was followed by the coldest winter we have had since we got here and it didn't survive.</p>	 <p><i>Acacia Baileyana prostrate form</i></p>
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Joan says 'This is my list of tried and true plants that survive our harsh climate. Of course I am always experimenting and trying new plants. I also have a list in my head that I would love to be able to grow! Who knows my next garden!'

Nurseries mentioned:

Bywong Nursery is a wholesale only nursery which sells to Canberra nurseries. It's website gives you an idea of the range of different cultivars. [www.bywongnursery.com.au](http://www.bywongnursery.com.au)

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