

Some Native Plants of Kahibah, Iluka and Ettymalong Creeks and Surrounding bushland.

Note: not a complete list

Name	Size	Description	Soil / habitat
Acacia decurrens <i>Sydney green wattle</i>	10-16m	Small tree with angular branches, hairless leaves with long yellow leaflets and bright yellow flowers. Flowers July-Sept	
Acacia elata <i>Mountain or cedar wattle</i>	20m	Medium size tree with dense spreading foliage.	Rainforest valleys and volcanic tops.
Acacia longifolia <i>Sydney Golden Wattle</i>		Tall or rounded shrub – golden yellow flowers. Flowering July – Nov.	Moist forest understoreys
Acacia longifolia var sophorae	2-4m	Willow droopy foliage – pale yellow cylindrical flowers.	Sheltered places in woodland
Acacia suaveolens - <i>Sweet wattle</i>	1.5	Slim graceful blue green shrub with sharply angular stems. Cream globular flowers in winter.	Heath and woodlands.
Acacia ulicifolia – <i>Prickly moses</i>	1.5 m	Wiry, prickly shrub. Cream solitary flowers in winter.	Dry woodlands
Allocasuarina torulosa – <i>Forest Oak</i>	8m	Understorey tree in woodland and forests often forming dense groves	High nutrient soils and moist situations
Alphitonia excelsa – <i>Red Ash or liniment tree</i>	6-10m	Small to medium tree with smooth grey bark. Tiny pale green flowers with black glossy fruit. Flowers – Dec-March.	Rainforest tree.
Angophora floribunda – <i>Rough barked apple</i>	Small - med	Small to medium tree with fibrous bark and sinuously contorted upper limbs.	Prefers moist valleys and deep alluvial soils.

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Banksia integrifolia – <i>Coastal Banksia</i>	6-16m	Small to medium tree. Leaves are stiff and leathery with white under surface. Flowering Jan – June.	Coastal scrubs and forests.
Banksia serrata – <i>Old man banksia</i>	4-8m	A venerable gnarled thick tree trunked shrub or small tree. Common in heaths and forests on sandy soils.	Sandy soils.
Breynia oblongifolia- <i>Coffee bush</i>	2-3m	Erect shrub with greyish green leaves and red branchlets. Common in rainforest margins, creek gullies and moist gullies.	Rainforest margin and moist gullies
Callicoma serratifolia – <i>Black wattle</i>	Usually 4-5 m can get to 15m	Beautiful large spreading shrub with wattle like flowers. Creamy yellow flowers in dense ball shapes. Flowers Oct - November.	Gullies and damp sheltered cliff edges.
Callistemon citrinus – <i>Endeavour bottlebrush</i>	2m	Erect shrub about with crimson flowers. Crushed leaves have lemony scent.	Swampy heath land
Casuarina glauca – <i>Swamp oak or she oak</i>	20m	Neat and pyramidal when young, maturing into a tall but straggly tree. It grows in tall dense stands.	Prefers brackish marshes and estuaries and muddy creeks.
Clerodendron tomentosum – <i>Lolly bush</i>	2-4m	Small shrub/tree. Dark furry leaves. White flowers in Oct-Nov. Pretty fruit which turns from green to red and finally black. Young trees often fail. Mature trees less common.	Moist gullies and rainforest margins.
Elaeocarpus reticulatus – <i>Blueberry Ash</i>	4-10m	A tall straight understory tree. Very pretty tree with masses of white flowers and pretty blue berries. Leaves turn red before falling with age. Flowers Nov-Dec.	Grows from stony ridges to wet gullies. Recovers well from fires.

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Eucalyptus botryoides – <i>Bangalay, Southern Mahogany</i>	20-30m	Medium size tree with rough reddish bark, short trunk and spreading crown. Flowers Jan – March.	Sandy soils – usually dine scrub within reach of coastal salt mist.
Eucalyptus maculata – <i>Spotted gum</i>	30 m	Medium to tall tree with beautiful leopard skin bark. Winter flowering.	Open forest and shales.
Eucalyptus robusta – <i>Swamp mahogany</i>	20-30m	Small to medium tree. Timber is durable and rot resistant. Winter flowering. Important winter food tree.	Prefers marshy ground along creek and estuary margins.
Exocarpus strictus – <i>Pale ballart or dwarf currant</i>	2m	An erect shrub. Yellowish green flowers with yellow anthers. Flowers in spring. Uncommon.	found in woodland and sandstone
Ficus coronata – <i>Sandpaper or creek fig</i>	3-4m	Small tree with rough leaves that feel like sandpaper. Fruit small figs Jan- June. Good shade tree.	Creek banks
Ficus rubiginosa – <i>Rusty fig or Port Jackson fig</i>	4-10m	Begins life usually as an epiphyte in crevices on sandstone cliffs or on larger trees. Has rusty leaf undersides.	Common on sides of gullies
Glochidion ferdinandi – <i>Cheese tree</i>	4-8m	Bushy shrub or tree. Can grow to a large tree in rainforest environment.	Moist, sheltered woodlands usually near sea.
Leptospermum polygalifolium – <i>Lemon scented Tea Tree</i>	2.5m	Graceful shrub with lemon scented leaves. White flowers Oct-Dec.	Moist places in woodland.
Melaleuca quinquenervia- <i>Broad leaf paper bark</i>	8-12m	Largest of the paperbarks. Cream flowers.	Marshes and nearby forests
Omalanthus populifolius – <i>Native poplar or bleeding heart</i>	2-4m	Small tree with heart shaped leaves which turn to rich blood red before falling. Quick growing and good coloniser in disturbed areas.	Rainforest and gullies

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Persoonia levis – <i>Smooth geebung</i>	1- 4m	A tall shrub common in heath and woodland. In open heath, it is small with round leaves. In forest, tall with large long leaves. Black papery bark which is brilliant red underneath.	Heath woodland
Persoonia pinifolius – <i>pine leaf geebung</i>	2-4m	Spreading shrub with golden yellow flowers crowded towards the ends of branches.	Sheltered open forests on sandstone.
Pittosporum revolutum – <i>Mock orange</i>	1-3m	Opportunistic shrub with orange warty 4 ridged box fruit. Yellow flowers in spring.	Moist sheltered situations.
<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> <i>Magenta Lillypilly</i>	3-8m	A small to medium tree with dense foliage. The fruit is a large crisp and succulent magenta red berry. White flowers in summer.	Rainforest.
<i>Trema Aspera</i> <i>Native Peach or poison peach</i>	3-6m	A shrub or small tree.	Moist forests on stream banks
Westringia fruticosa <i>Coast Westringia</i>	1-1.5m	A dense spreading shrub often planted in hedges. Flowers have long narrow throats and are white.	Coastal cliffs and headlands.

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Monocots, groundcovers etc			
<i>Commelina cyanea</i>	Groundcover	A creeping leafy herb with fragile blue flowers. It forms a dense tangled groundcover in gullies and edges of rainforests.	Edge of rainforests.
<i>Dianella caerulea</i> – <i>Blue Flax lilly</i>	50cm	A tufted herb with hard stiff glossy leaves . Rich blue flowers with yellow anthers. Flowers Sept to Nov.	Woodland on sandstone.
<i>Gahnia clarkei</i> – <i>Gahnia</i>	2.5m	A tall leafy sedge often forming dense thickets on marshy sites and creek banks.	Marsh and creek banks
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> <i>False sarsparilla</i>	Climber	Scrambler or twiner with rich purple pea flowers.	Common in woodland.
<i>Hibertia scandens</i> <i>Golden guinea flower</i>	Scrambler	A vigorous scrambler with dense foliage. Spectacular golden yellow flowers in spring and summer.	Sunny places on better soils.
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i> , - <i>Mat rush</i>	50cm	A large tufted herb with rough strap like leaves. Flowers exude a heavy lacquer scent.	Range of habitats
<i>Livistona australis</i> – Cabbage tree palm	Tall palm	A tall mop headed palm with leaves like a fan	Rainforest gullies near sea.
<i>Rubus hillii</i> – <i>Native raspberry</i>	Climber	Bramble – a rough climber with long thorny stems. Pinks flowers and raspberry fruit.	Rainforest.
<i>Spinifex hirsutus</i>		Course robust grass which spreads by means of long creeping stems. Important grass for stabilising coastal dunes.	Sand dunes.
<i>Themeda australis</i> <i>Kangaroo grass</i>	1m	Kangaroo grass with a tuft of slender light green leaves & long flowering stem. Distinctive brown and purplish spikelet clusters.	All soil types.

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