

Indigenous plants have evolved in the region so are well-adapted to Hume City's soils and climate. Historically the area was mostly grasslands and grassy woodlands.

Local species provide the maximum amount of habitat for the most kinds of native wildlife, including sources of food, shelter, perches and nesting material. Many of these plants also have Aboriginal cultural uses.

This is a list of some of the common indigenous plants found in Hume City, that are will grow well in people's gardens. Give proper consideration to what species are suitable for your garden. Think about how big they will grow and if they're the right size to fill your space. Record how many you need or start a species wish list.

Click the species name for more information on the Flora of Victoria website.

No.	Species	Common Name	Height	Width	Description
TREES					
	Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle	8-15m	4-8m	Fast-growing habitat tree, good for moister areas.
	Acacia implexa	Lightwood	6-10m	3-6m	Compact small tree for dry sites that is long-lived.
	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle	8-12m	8-12m	Fast-growing habitat tree but short 20-yr lifespan.
	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	5-15m	3-10m	Fast-growing habitat tree prefers moist soils.
	Acacia pycnantha	Golden Wattle	4-8m	3-5m	The national floral emblem is a fast-growing, small, habitat tree but has a short 15-yr lifespan.
	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black Sheoak	4-8m	2-5m	Upright habitat tree good for dry, well-drained sites.
	Allocasuarina verticillata	Drooping Sheoak	4-10m	3-6m	Erect tree good for dry sites and is drought tolerant.
	Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia, Warrock	4-8m	1-5m	Small habitat tree for moist well-drained soils.
	Eucalyptus camaldulensis	River Red Gum	15-25m	15-20m	Ancient, iconic tree with large trunk and spreading canopy, provides important wildlife habitat. Only plant this legacy tree in large areas with damp soils.
	Eucalyptus leucoxylon	Yellow Gum	8-15m	6-15m	Spreading tree suited for dry, well-drained and sedimentary soils (not naturally on basalt clay soils).
	Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow Box	10-15m	8-10m	Mid-sized tree suited for well-drained, deep soils.
	Eucalyptus microcarpa	Grey Box	10-25m	10-15m	Adaptable, slow-growing and hardy large tree.
	Eucalyptus ovata	Swamp Gum	10-20m	8-20m	Large tree prefers moist soils and good for wet areas.
	Eucalyptus viminalis	Manna Gum	10-25m	8-15m	Fast-growing large tree for moist, well-drained soils.



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SHRUBS					
	<i>Acacia acinacea</i>	Gold Dust Wattle	1-2m	2-3m	Adaptable, pretty shrub good for hedges/screens. Excellent garden specimen when flowering.
	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge Wattle	2-4m	2-4m	Prickly shrub for windbreaks and bird habitat.
	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses	2-5m	2-4m	Prickly shrub for windbreaks and bird habitat.
	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria	3-6m	2-3m	Large prickly shrub for windbreaks and bird habitat in well-drained soils. Also a special butterfly plant.
	<i>Callistemon sieberi</i>	River Bottlebrush	2-5m	2-3m	Large attractive flowering shrub is a great habitat plant, good for wet areas and as hedge/screen.
	<i>Calytrix tetragona</i>	Common Fringe-myrtle	1-2m	1-2m	Attractive mid-sized flowering shrub for wet areas.
	<i>Cassinia longifolia</i>	Shiny Cassinia	1-3m	1-2m	Fast-growing shrub on well-drained soils.
	<i>Cassinia sifton</i> (Syn. <i>C. arcuata</i>)	Drooping Cassinia or Sifton Bush	1-2m	1-2m	Fast-growing, short-lived shrub with drooping branches and can readily self-seed.
	<i>Correa glabra</i>	Rock Correa	1-2m	1-3m	Dense rounded shrub is hardy and good as a low hedge. Attracts birds.
	<i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>	Grey Parrot-pea	0.5-1.5m	0.5-1.5m	Small open shrub attracts birds for well-drained soils.
	<i>Dillwynia sericea</i>	Showy Parrot-pea	0.3-1m	0.5-1m	Small open shrub attracts birds for well-drained soils.
	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Wedge-leaf Hop-bush	1-3m	1-3m	Large dense shrub good for hedges/screens.
	<i>Eremophila deserti</i>	Turkey Bush	2-3m	2-4m	Open shrub for dry, well-drained soils and is drought tolerant. Fruit are poisonous to livestock.
	<i>Eutaxia diffusa</i>	Spreading Eutaxia	0.4-1m	1-1.5m	Low spreading shrub with yellowish flowers.
	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia	1-1.5m	1-2m	Low spreading shrub attracts butterflies and birds.
	<i>Grevillea rosmarinifolia</i>	Rosemary Grevillea	0.5-1m	0.5-1m	Low prickly shrub attracts butterflies and birds.
	<i>Gynatrix pulchella</i>	Hemp Bush	2-4m	2-4m	Erect, open shrub good for wet sites with well-drained soils and as a screen. Caterpillar host.
	<i>Hakea decurrens</i>	Bushy Needlebush	2-4m	1-3m	Erect prickly shrub for windbreaks and bird habitat.
	<i>Indigofera australis</i>	Austral Indigo	1-2m	1-2m	Open shrub with pinkish mauve flowers and feathery leaves. Caterpillar host.
	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree	1-2m	1-2m	Upright dense shrub with prickly leaves and is good for wet sites. Attracts butterflies and birds.
	<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	Woolly Tea-tree	2-5m	1-3m	Large dense shrub for wet sites as tolerates water-logging. Attracts butterflies and birds.
	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark	3-6m	2-6m	Large dense shrub for wet sites as tolerates water-logging. Attracts butterflies and birds.
	<i>Melicytus dentatus</i> (Syn. <i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>)	Tree Violet	2-3m	1-2.5m	Hardy, erect, open shrub with spine-tipped branches for windbreaks and bird habitat. Lizards also eat fruit and shelter beneath it. Frost and drought tolerant.
	<i>Myoporum petiolatum</i> (Syn. <i>M. viscosum</i>)	Sticky Boobialla	0.5-2m	1.5-3m	Attractive, fast-growing shrub in well-drained soils and good for hedges/screens and bird habitat.
	<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush	0.5-2m	1-1.5m	Open shrub in well drained soils. Attracts butterflies.
	<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	Tree Everlasting	2-3m	2-3m	Fast-growing and rounded shrub prefers moist soils. Not drought tolerant. Attracts butterflies.
	<i>Rhagodia parabolica</i>	Fragrant Saltbush	1-2m	1-2m	Spreading dense shrub good as low hedge. Caterpillar host plant and several animals eat fruit.
	<i>Senna artemisioides</i>	Silver Cassia	1-2m	0.5-1.5m	Slow-growing and rounded shrub with attractive flowers in well-drained soils. Attracts butterflies.
	<i>Solanum laciniatum</i>	Large Kangaroo Apple	2-3m	2-3m	Fast-growing and rounded shrub is short-lived but readily self-seeds. For windbreaks and bird habitat.
	<i>Viminaria juncea</i>	Golden Spray	2-4m	1-3m	Upright, slender shrub is fast-growing and prefers wet sites. Is short-lived to 10-yrs. Attracts birds.

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WILDFLOWERS OR SMALL SHRUBS					
	<i>Arthropodium strictum</i>	Chocolate Lily	20cm-1m	20-50cm	Small lily with purple flowers, mass plant on border.
	<i>Brachyscome paludicola</i> (Syn. <i>B. basaltica</i>)	Basalt Daisy	20-40cm	20-40cm	Small daisy with numerous white flowers and prefers wet sites (e.g. frog bog, pond). Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Brachyscome multifida</i>	Cut-leaf Daisy	10-40cm	0.2-1m	Fast-growing, spreading daisy with long-flowering display of mauve flowers. Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Bulbine bulbosa</i>	Bulbine Lily	20-50cm	20-30cm	Tufted lily with yellow star-like flowers on tall stems and prefers moist, well-drained soils. Self-seeds.
	<i>Calocephalus citreus</i>	Lemon Beauty-heads	10-50cm	0.3-1m	Butterfly attracting yellow flowers with silvery stems.
	<i>Calocephalus lacteus</i>	Milky Beauty-heads	10-50cm	30-50cm	Butterfly attracting white flowers on sprawling stems and prefers wet sites (e.g. frog bog, pond edges).
	<i>Calotis scapigera</i>	Tufted Burr-daisy	10-40cm	0.5-1m	Butterfly attracting white daisy flowers and spreads by runners. Prefers wet sites (e.g. frog bog, pond).
	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Common Everlasting Daisy	10-30cm	50cm-1m	Popular native with long display of bright yellow flowers on sprawling grey stems. Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Chrysocephalum semipapposum</i>	Clustered Everlasting Daisy	0.3-1m	1-3m	Numerous erect grey stems bear clusters of yellow everlasting flowers. Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Coronidium gunnianum</i> (Syn. <i>Helichrysum rutidolepis</i>)	Pale Swamp Everlasting	20-50cm	0.5-1m	Butterfly attracting yellow-button flowers. Suckers to form carpets in wet sites (e.g. frog bog, ponds).
	<i>Craspedia paludicola</i>	Swamp Billy-buttons	10-75cm	10-30cm	Butterfly attracting yellow-globular flowers. Adapted to water-logging (e.g. frog bog, pond edges).
	<i>Craspedia variabilis</i>	Common Billy-buttons	20-60cm	0.5-1m	Butterfly attracting yellow-globular flowers.
	<i>Eryngium ovinum</i>	Blue Devils	10-60cm	0.5-1m	Striking, stiff, spiky, blue flowers in basalt clay soils.
	<i>Goodenia paradoxa</i>	Spur Velleia	20-40cm	30-50cm	Rosette of leaves ringed with showy yellow flowers.
	<i>Goodenia pinnatifida</i>	Cut-leaf Goodenia	10-30cm	10-30cm	Small herb with butterfly attracting yellow flowers.
	<i>Leptorhynchus squamatus</i>	Scaly Buttons	15-40cm	30-40cm	Low perennial herb with numerous yellow flowers.
	<i>Leucochrysum albicans</i>	Hoary Sunray	10-50cm	30-60cm	Butterfly attracting yellow-everlasting flowers.
	<i>Linum marginale</i>	Native Flax	30-80cm	30-50cm	Wiry herb with numerous small blue flowers. Prefers moist, well-drained soils and will readily self-seed.
	<i>Microseris scapigera</i>	Murnong, Yam Daisy	30-50cm	20-30cm	Drooping buds turn to yellow daisy flowers. Tuber important Aboriginal food plant. Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Minuria leptophylla</i>	Minnie Daisy	10-30cm	20-50cm	Small herb with butterfly attracting white flowers.
	<i>Pelargonium australe</i>	Austral Stork's-bill	30-50cm	30-60cm	Hardy herb with clusters of pale-pink flowers.
	<i>Pelargonium rodneyanum</i>	Magenta Stork's-bill	10-30cm	30-50cm	Stunning magenta flowers and small rosette of leaves. Prefers well-drained soils. Protect roots.
	<i>Pimelea glauca</i>	Smooth Riceflower	30-60cm	0.6-1m	Butterfly attracting small shrub with white flowers.
	<i>Podolepis linearifolia</i>	Basalt Podolepis	30-60cm	20-30cm	Tufted herb with bright yellow, compound flowers.
	<i>Ptilotus spathulatus</i>	Pussy-tails	10-15cm	10-40cm	Delightful fluffy flower-heads on small stems.
	<i>Pycnosorus chrysanthus</i>	Golden Billy-buttons	20-60cm	0.2-1m	Butterfly attracting small shrub with yellow flowers.
	<i>Pycnosorus globosus</i>	Drumsticks	0.2-1m	20-90cm	Butterfly attracting yellow-globular flowers on long stems with silvery-grey leaves. Good for wet sites.
	<i>Rhodanthe anthemoides</i>	Chamomile Sunray	20-30cm	20-60cm	Butterfly attracting small herb with white flowers.
	<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i>	Common New Holland Daisy	10-40cm	30-50cm	Small upright herb with small mauve to purple flowers for drier sites. Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Vittadinia gracilis</i>	Woolly New Holland Daisy	10-40cm	30-50cm	Butterfly attracting small herb with pink flowers.
	<i>Wahlenbergia</i> species	Native Bluebells	10-30cm	15-30cm	Several lovely bluebell species as long-flowering, hardy, self-seed and sucker. Butterfly attracting.
	<i>Xerochrysum viscosum</i> (Syn. <i>Bracteantha viscosa</i>)	Sticky Everlasting Daisy	0.2-1m	0.3-1m	Multi-branched small shrub with long flushes of yellow everlasting flowers. Butterfly attracting.

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GRASSES, SEDGES OR CLUMPING PLANTS					
	<i>Austrostipa</i> species	Spear Grasses	0.2-1.2m	0.2-1m	Several tufting grass species with spear-like flowers.
	<i>Bothriochloa macra</i>	Red-leg Grass	30-50cm	10-30cm	Tufting grass with red flowering stems. Native lawn.
	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge	1m	Spreading	Aquatic spreading sedge. Butterfly attracting host.
	<i>Carex tereticaulis</i>	Common Sedge, Poong'ort	0.4-1.2m	0.5-1m	Aquatic sedge for wetland edges. Aboriginal uses.
	<i>Chloris truncata</i>	Windmill Grass	15-50cm	15-40cm	Tufting grass with windmill-shaped seed-heads.
	<i>Dianella revoluta</i> (Syn. <i>D.admixta</i>)	Black-anther Flax-lily	40cm-1m	Spreading	Attractive tussock plant with strappy leaves and sprays of purple flowers/ berries. Important habitat plant for a wide variety of wildlife. Aboriginal uses.
	<i>Dichanthium sericeum</i>	Silky Blue-grass	30-80cm	15-30cm	Tufting grass with bluish leaves and fluffy seed-heads.
	<i>Dichelachne crinita</i>	Long-hair Plume-grass	0.5-1m	15-30cm	Ornamental tufting grass with plumed seed-heads.
	<i>Ficinia nodosa</i> (Syn. <i>Isolepis nodosa</i>)	Knobby Club-rush	0.5-1m	0.5-1.5m	Hardy, attractive tufting sedge with round leaves tipped with round flowers. Wet sites (e.g. frog bog).
	<i>Gahnia filum</i>	Chaffy Saw-sedge	0.5-1.5m	0.5-1.5m	Aquatic spreading sedge. Butterfly attracting host.
	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-head Mat-rush	0.5-1m	0.5-1m	Common, popular tussock plant with strappy leaves. Important habitat plant for a wide variety of wildlife.
	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass	20-50cm	Spreading	Soft perennial running grass with arching flowers. Native lawn. Attracts butterflies and birds.
	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common Tussock Grass	0.5-1.2m	0.5-1.5m	Large grass tussock for moist, well drained soils. Important habitat plant for a wide variety of wildlife.
	<i>Poa sieberiana</i>	Grey Tussock Grass	40cm	40cm	Large grass tussock for wildlife habitat in drier sites.
	<i>Rytidosperma</i> species	Wallaby Grasses	10-80cm	15-30cm	Several tufting grass species with fluffy seed-heads.
	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass	0.3-1m	20-60cm	Distinctive tufted grass tussock is butterfly host.
GROUNDCOVERS (PROSTRATE)					
	<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	Bidgee-widgee	10-20cm	Spreading	Seed-heads have prickly burrs. Bird attracting.
	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Berry Saltbush	10-20cm	1-2m	Hardy, fast-growing, dry-shade sites, fruiting winner.
	<i>Carpobrotus modestus</i>	Inland Pigface	10-20cm	Spreading	Succulent leaves and large pink flowers. Habitat plant.
	<i>Convolvulus angustissimus</i>	Blushing Bindweed	10cm	Spreading	Delicate branches and pentagon-shaped pink flowers.
	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed	10cm	Spreading	Perennial living mulch with kidney-shaped leaves.
	<i>Einadia nutans</i>	Nodding Saltbush	10-20cm	0.5-1m	Hardy, fast-growing, dry-shade sites, fruiting winner.
	<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i>	Ruby Saltbush	10-20cm	1-2m	Hardy, fast-growing, dry-shade sites, fruiting winner.
	<i>Eutaxia microphylla</i>	Small-leaved Eutaxia	10-20cm	0.5-1m	Grey-green leaves and orange pea flowers. Butterflies.
	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running Postman	10cm	0.5-1m	Trailing stems and red pea flowers. Habitat plant.
	<i>Mentha australis</i>	River Mint	20-80cm	Spreading	Suckering plant with fragrant leaves for wet sites.
	<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	Creeping Boobialla	10-20cm	Spreading	Green mulch masses of white flowers. Habitat plant.
CLIMBERS OR RAMBLERS					
	<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	Old Man's Beard	0.5-4m	Spreading	Showy white flowers and fluffy seed-heads.
	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Purple Coral-pea or Happy Wanderer	0.5-3m	Spreading	Showy purple pea-flowers cover this scrambling plant. Attracts butterflies and provides nesting sites.
	<i>Rubus parvifolius</i>	Native Raspberry	0.5-2m	0.5-1m	Thorny plant with fruits for wildlife.