

Invasive Garden Plants of the Geelong Region

Geelong, Waurm Ponds, Drysdale, Clifton Springs & Lara

The following common garden plants can be invasive in our parks and reserves that protect our unique native flora and fauna. If you own property in the Geelong region check the plant list below before you buy plants for your garden. Please do not plant any of these potential garden escapees in your garden and do you bit for the environment. You can make a difference.

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Scientific Name

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<i>Acacia baileyana</i>	Cootamundra Wattle
<i>Acacia decurrens</i>	Early black Wattle
<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	Coast/Sallow Wattle
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Golden Wreath Wattle
<i>Acacia sophorae</i>	Coast wattle
<i>Agapanthus praecox ssp. orientalis</i>	Agapanthus
<i>Anemanthele lessoniana</i>	New Zealand wind grass
<i>Arctotis stechadifolia</i>	African daisy
<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	Bridal Creeper
<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Bridal veil
<i>Asparagus scandens</i>	Asparagus Fern
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Cabomba - aquatic
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Scotch heather
<i>Carex buechananii</i>	Leather leaf sedge
<i>Carpobrotus aequilaterus</i>	Angled pig face

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<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Hotentot fig
<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	Bitou bush/ Boneseed
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Old Mans Beard/Travellers Joy
<i>Coleonema pulchrum</i>	Diosma
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field bindweed
<i>Coprosma repens</i>	Mirror bush
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas Grass
<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>	Cotoneaster
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn
<i>Crocosmia x crocosmiiflora</i>	Montbretia
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>	Monterey Cypress
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Artichoke Thistle
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Wild artichoke
<i>Cynodon dactylon var. dactylon</i>	Couch
<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	White Spanish Broom
<i>Cytisus palmensis</i>	Tree lucerne (Tagasaste)
<i>Cytisus racemosus</i>	Hedge broom
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	English Broom
<i>Delairea odorata</i>	Cape Ivy
<i>Dipogon lignosus</i>	Dolichos pea
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild teasel
<i>Equisetum spp.</i>	Horsetail
<i>Erica discolor ssp. Andreseanthus</i>	Bicoloured heath
<i>Erica glandulosa</i>	South african heather
<i>Erica lusitanica</i>	Spanish Heath
<i>Eucalyptus cladocalyx</i>	Sugar gum
<i>Eucalyptus gomphocephala</i>	Tuart gum
<i>Eucalyptus lehmanni</i>	Bushy yate

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<i>Euphorbia cyparissias</i>	Cypress spurge
<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>	Sea spurge
<i>Festuca gautieri</i>	Bear-skin fescue
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
<i>Fraxinus angustifolia ssp. angustifolia</i>	Desert Ash
<i>Freesia leichtlinii</i>	Freesia
<i>Gazania linearis and spp.</i>	Gazanias
<i>Genista linifolia</i>	Flax Leaf Broom
<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	Cape Broom
<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>	Chilean rhubarb
<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>	Senegal Tea Plant - Aquatic
<i>Hakea laurina</i>	Pincushion Hakea
<i>Hakea suaveolens or drupacea</i>	Sweet hakea
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy
<i>Hieracium several spp</i>	Hawkweed
<i>Homeria spp.</i>	Cape tulip
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	St John's wort
<i>Ipomoea indica</i>	Purple Morning Glory
<i>Juncus acutus</i>	Spiny Rush
<i>Lachenalia reflexa</i>	Lachenalia
<i>Lagunaria patersonii</i>	Norfolk island hibiscus
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	Topped Lavender
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Tea-tree
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Common Privet
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese Honeysuckle
<i>Melaleuca armillaris</i>	Giant honey myrtle
<i>Melaleuca decussata</i>	Totem poles

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<i>Melianthus comosus</i>	Tufted honeyflower
<i>Nassella charruana</i>	Lobed needle-grass
<i>Nassella hyaline</i>	Cane needle grass
<i>Nassella neesiana</i>	Chilean needle grass
<i>Nassella trichotoma</i>	Serrated tussock
<i>Opuntia spp.</i>	Prickly Pear
<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem
<i>Oxalis purpurea</i>	Large-flower Wood-sorrel
<i>Paraserianthes lophantha</i>	Cape Leeuwin Wattle
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Parthenium weed
<i>Passiflora mollissima</i>	Banana passionfruit
<i>Peganum harmala</i>	African rue
<i>Pelargonium alchemilloides</i>	Geranium
<i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i>	Kikuyu
<i>Pennisetum villosum</i>	Feathertop
<i>Pereskia aculeata</i>	Leaf cactus
<i>Physalis viscosa</i>	Sticky cape gooseberry
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Radiata or Monterey Pine
<i>Piptochaetium montevidense</i>	Rice grass
<i>Piptochaetium uruguense</i>	Uruguayan rice grass
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Sweet Pittosporum
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle-leaf milkwort
<i>Prosopis spp</i>	Mesquite
<i>Psoralea pinnata</i>	Blue psoralea
<i>Pyracantha crenulata</i>	Pyracantha
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Wild mignonette
<i>Retama monosperma</i>	Bridal broom
<i>Retama raetam</i>	White weeping broom

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<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Italian buckthorn
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp.aggregate	Blackberry
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey sallow
<i>Salix purpurea</i>	Purple osier willow
<i>Salix</i> spp.	Willow species
<i>Salix viminalis</i>	Basket willow
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Salvinia
<i>Senecio angulatus</i>	Climbing groundswell
<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>	Fireweed
<i>Sollya heterophylla</i>	West Australian Bluebell Creeper
<i>Sparaxis bulbifera</i>	Harlequin Flower
<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>	Buffalo Grass
<i>Striga asiatica</i>	Witchweed
<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	Tamarisk or Athel pine
<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i> (syn. <i>T. albiflora</i>)	Tradescantia
<i>Trianoptiles solitaria</i>	Subterranean cape sedge
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Great Mullein
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Purple-Top Verbena
<i>Vinca major</i>	Blue Periwinkle
<i>Viola odorata</i>	Common violet
<i>Wachendorfia thyrsiflora</i>	Wachendorfia
<i>Watsonia meriana</i> var. <i>bulbillifera</i>	Bulbil Watsonia
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Arum Lily