

# SMALL TREES

The following trees have either been recommended to us by local horticulturalists and/or have proven to be reliable choices for the Peninsula. This document is in DRAFT as is ever evolving. Please note trees can be pruned to shape. Availability may vary.

Bunnings also has a user-friendly native tree selector: <https://www.bunnings.com.au/our-range/brands/p/plantnative->

## Apple Gum - Dwarf – *Angophora hispida*



Height : 5-6m Spread : 3 m

### Fast growing

Hardy, small, local, native tree  
Flowers profusely in late Spring-Summer.

These trees have stunning red flower buds before the large cream flowers open. Birds will also flock to this tree for its flowers and insect count.

**Blueberry Ash – *elaecarpus reticulatus prima donna***



Height : 6-8 m    Spread : 3-4 m  
Slow growing  
Australian native  
Narrow column shaped  
Decorative fruit, pink flowers in Spring  
Bird attracting, butterflies  
Pollution tolerant

**Bottlebrush - *Callistemon viminalis***



Height : 3-5 m    Spread : 3 m  
**Fast growing**  
Bold red flowers in Spring.  
Bird nesting plant. Native evergreen  
Resilient, drought resistant

## Chinese Pistachio – *pistacia chinensis*



Height : 8 m Spread : 3-6 m

Moderate growth rate.

**Deciduous.** Native to China

Great autumn colour. Clusters of small white flowers are borne in summer, followed by red drupes which mature to blue.

Australia has very few deciduous species so some non-invasive exotics like this can open up options for those seeking winter sun and summer shade.

## Cottonwood Tree/ Beach Hibiscus – *hibiscus tiliaceus*



Height : 6-8 m Spread : 4-7 m

**Fast growing**

Bright yellow Hibiscus flowers in summer.

Excellent shade tree

Can tolerate full coastal exposure.

Leaves may be a maroon colour

Prune to required shape

Example : 15 Rickard St Umina



**Eucalyptus Dwarf grafted Gums** – *corymbia ficifolia dwarf* (choose the 6m varieties such as Orange Splendour, **Summer Red**, Summer Glory and Summer Beauty)



Height : 5-6 m    Spread : 3-4 m

Beautiful flowers  
“Summer Red” has been recommended to us as has larger lush green leaves.  
Popular streetscape and landscape trees.  
Food for nectar loving birds

Hardy once established but does not respond well if left unwatered for long periods when young. Tend to be expensive.

**Golden Penda** – *xanthostemon chrysanthus*



Height : 5-7 m    Spread : 6-8 m

**Fast growing.**

Native tree  
Striking golden yellow flowers summer to late autumn  
Bird attracting, butterflies

## Grevillea Moonlight – *grevillea*



Height : 3-5 m    Spread : 2-4 m

**Fast growing**

One of the best Grevilleas, growing into a small tree

Flowers all year round

Bird attracting, butterflies

Hardy evergreen native

## Illawarra Plum Pine Tree – *podocarpus elatus*



Height : up to 10m    Spread : 4 m

Slow growing.

**Edible fruit is high in antioxidants and good for Jams.**

Attracts wildlife

Evergreen native

## Ivory Curl Tree – *buckinghamia celcissima*



Height : to 8 m    Spread : 3-5 m

**Fast growing once established**

Compact evergreen native - Full sun

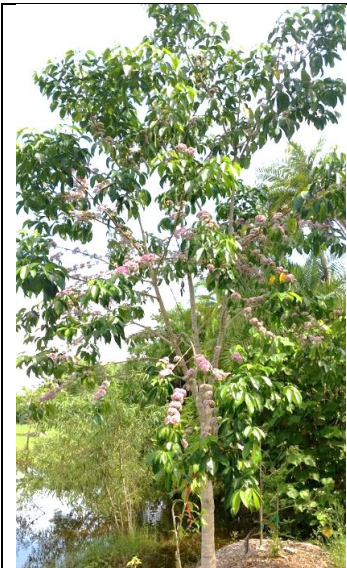
Abundance of striking white/cream cone-shaped flowers in summer.

Suits sandy soils

Can be pruned for shape

Grown as an ornamental tree

## Melicope rubra “Blush”



Height : to 4-6m

Red-pink flowers along the branches, and a straighter-growing habit. Native birds love the nectar-rich blossoms, which you can enjoy too even while the tree is very young. Glossy green leaves.

Well-behaved adaptable variety ideal for frost-free suburban gardens

**\*GUST has not had experience with this tree as it is a new suggestion**

## Native Crepe Myrtle - *Lagerstroemia archeriana*



Height: 5-7m

**Deciduous, fast growing.** Open canopy  
Leaves turn shades of orange and red before falling in late winter. Prune in Winter.  
Showy clusters of lilac mauve flowers in Summer.  
Seed pods attract cockatoos. Native to Cape York Peninsula

Unusual because there are so few Australian native deciduous tree species. This is different to the common Crepe Myrtle (a popular and very effective small tree -but an exotic)

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## Native Frangipani – *hymenosporum flavum*



Height : 5-10 m (can vary) Spread : 3-7 m

**Fast growing.**

A small to medium slender native.  
Fragrant White/yellow flowers in Spring and Summer  
Bird attracting, butterflies  
Grows best in moist fertile soil in full sun to light shade.  
Very tough once established.

*Example: 50 Kourung St, Ettalong*  
Not suitable for low wires

**Red Flowering Yellow Gum – *eucalyptus leucoxylon* Rosea**



Height : 4-8 m    Spread : 5-18 m

Moderately Fast growing

Red flowers Spring, Summer, Winter  
Decorative fruit, Honey producing.  
Bird attracting & nesting.  
Popular tree for streetscapes  
Adaptable to a range of soils  
Flowers Autumn – December

**Red Silky Oak – *grevillea banksii***



Height : 5 m    Spread : 3-4 m

Upright red flowers throughout Spring  
Bird attracting  
Coastal soils

**Fast Growing**



## Banksia Serrata – Old Man Banksia



Height : 4-9 m    Spread : 3-4 m

A character filled local native with large creamy yellow to brown flowers in summer. Leathery lumpy brown bark. Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species.

Low maintenance.

Attracts native wildlife.

Can become tall so avoid placing under low wires



## Snow-wood – *pararchidendron pruinsum*



Height : to 8 m    Spread : 3-6 m

Found in Hardy's Bay

Flowers October to January

## Tulipwood – *harpullia pendula*



Height : to 8 m    Spread : 6-8 m

**Fast growing**

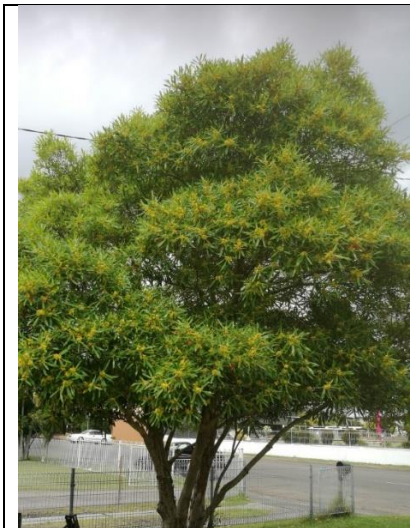
It's toughness helps it to thrive in salty areas along ocean shores

Attractive green foliage.

Fruit August – October.

Flowers November- January.

## Water Gum – *Tristaniopsis laurina*



Height : 5-8 m    Spread : 3-5 m

Moderate to slow growing

Endemic VIC to QLD

Fragrant yellow flowers

Tolerates a wide range of soil and climate conditions.

With exposure to hot winds, needs regular watering.

**Water Gum “Luscious”** – *Tristaniopsis laurina* – *Luscious*



Height 5-8 m Spread 3-5 m

Moderate to slow growing native.  
Pretty yellow flowers in summer.  
Large glossy green leaves.  
Very hardy species that makes an ideal street, park or garden tree.  
Very little maintenance required once established.  
Suits coastal conditions



**Yellow Bloodwood Dwarf** – *corymbia eximia* ‘nana’



Height : 4 - 6 m

The foliage is broad with a strong green colour. A dwarf version of the larger Yellow Bloodwood, native to Kariong.

In Spring it puts on an eye catching display of creamy yellow flowers, attracting nectar loving birds.

