

# A selection of indigenous plants on the Mornington Peninsula

## Trees

Indigenous Plants  
suitable for revegetation, landscaping  
wetlands and septic tank trenches

Mornington  
Peninsula



**Black Sheoak**  
*Allocasuarina littoralis*  
Size (h x w) - 8 x 5 m \*  
Flowering time - Mar to Dec



**Drooping Sheoak**  
*Allocasuarina verticillata*  
Size (h x w) - 10 x 4 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Dec



**Sweet Bursaria**  
*Bursaria spinosa*  
subsp. *spinosa*  
Size (h x w) - 6 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Dec to Mar



**Black Wattle**  
*Acacia mearnsii*  
Size (h x w) - 25 x 10 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Dec



**Blackwood**  
*Acacia melanoxylon*  
Size (h x w) - 30 x 15 m  
Flowering time - July to Oct



**Swamp Paperbark**  
*Melaleuca ericifolia*  
Size (h x w) - 9 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Nov



**Silver-leaf Stringybark**  
*Eucalyptus cephalocarpa*  
Size (h x w) - 20 x 15 m  
Flowering time - Mar to Aug



**Messmate Stringybark**  
*Eucalyptus obliqua*  
Size (h x w) - 25 x 15 m  
Flowering time - Dec to Mar



**Coast Beard-heath** *Leucopogon parviflorus*  
Size (h x w) - 4 x 3 m  
Flowering time - July to Nov



**Coast Banksia** *Banksia integrifolia*  
subsp. *integrifolia*  
Size (h x w) - 16 x 10 m  
Flowering time - Jan to Sep



**Musk Daisy-bush** *Olearia argophylla*  
Size (h x w) - 5 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Dec



**Tree Everlasting** *Ozothamnus ferrugineus*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Nov to Feb



**Woolly Tea-tree** *Leptospermum lanigerum*  
Size (h x w) - 6 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Jan



**Moonah** *Melaleuca lanceolata*  
Size (h x w) - 8 x 6 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Mar

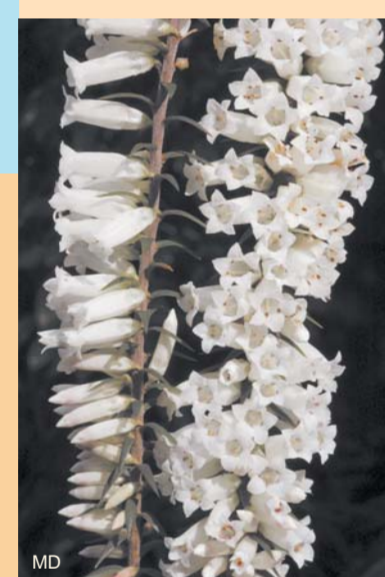


**White Sallee** *Eucalyptus pauciflora*  
subsp. *pauciflora*  
Size (h x w) - 12 x 8 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Jan



**Coast Manna-gum** *Eucalyptus viminalis*  
subsp. *pyriana*  
Size (h x w) - 10 x 6 m  
Flowering time - Mar to May

## Medium to Large Shrubs



**Common Heath**  
*Epacris impressa*  
Size (h x w) - 1.5 x 0.6 m  
Flowering time - Mar to Nov



**Pink Beard-heath**  
*Leucopogon ericoides*  
Size (h x w) - 1.5 x 0.8 m  
Flowering time - July to Nov



**Austral Indigo**  
*Indigofera australis*  
Size (h x w) - 2 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Dec



**Rare Bitter-bush**  
*Adriana quadripartita*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 3 m  
Flowering time - July to Feb  
This species is listed as vulnerable within Victoria.



**Large Kangaroo Apple**  
*Solanum laciniatum*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Mar



**Silver Banksia**  
*Banksia marginata*  
Size (h x w) - 6 x 5 m \*  
Flowering time - Sep to Apr



**Cushion Bush**  
*Leucophyta brownii*  
Size (h x w) - 1 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Dec



**Snowy Daisy-bush**  
*Olearia lirata*  
Size (h x w) - 5 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Dec



**Bower Spinach** *Tetragonia implexicoma*  
Size (h x w) - 2.5 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Aug to Feb



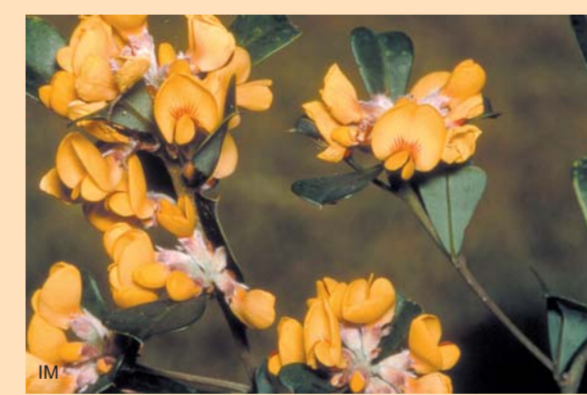
**Ruby Saltbush** *Enchylaena tomentosa*  
var. *tomentosa*  
Size (h x w) - 1.5 x 1 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Jan (fruit in summer)



**Seaberry Saltbush** *Rhagodia candolleana*  
subsp. *candolleana*  
Size (h x w) - 2 x 2.5 m  
Flowering time - Dec to Apr



**Sweet Wattle** *Acacia suaveolens*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 4 m  
Flowering time - Apr to Oct



**Large-leaf Bush-pea** *Pultanea daphnoides*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Aug to Nov



**Yellow Hakea** *Hakea nodosa*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Apr to Aug



**Bushy Needlewood** *Hakea decurrens*  
Size (h x w) - 4 x 3 m  
Flowering time - May to Sep



**Common Correa** *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa*  
Size (h x w) - 2 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Mar to Sep



**Tree Lomatia** *Lomatia ilicifolia*  
Size (h x w) - 2 x 1 m  
Flowering time - Dec to Feb



**Wedding Bush** *Ricinosarpus pinifolius*  
Size (h x w) - 3 x 2 m  
Flowering time - Sep to Nov



**Pink Bells** *Tetralochea ciliata*  
Size (h x w) - 0.6 x 0.6 m  
Flowering time - July to Dec



**White Correa** *Correa alba* var. *alba*  
Size (h x w) - 2 x 3 m  
Flowering time - throughout year



**Sea Box** *Alyxia buxifolia*  
Size (h x w) - 2 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Feb



**Boobialla** *Myoporum insulare*  
Size (h x w) - 6 x 3 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Nov



**Prickly Currant-bush** *Coprosma quadrifida*  
Size (h x w) - 4 x 1.5 m  
Flowering time - Jan to Mar



**Christmas Bush** *Prostanthera lasianthos*  
var. *lasianthos*  
Size (h x w) - 6 x 4 m  
Flowering time - Oct to Dec



For more information regarding native vegetation on the Mornington Peninsula

Mornington Peninsula Shire Customer Service  
1300 850 600  
www.mornpen.vic.gov.au

### Other Publications

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### Some Internet Resources

Department of Sustainability and Environment [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)  
Greening Australia [www.greeningaustralia.org.au](http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au)  
Department of Environment and Heritage [www.deh.gov.au](http://www.deh.gov.au)  
Sustainable Gardening Australia [www.sgaonline.org.au](http://www.sgaonline.org.au)  
Weeds Australia [www.weeds.org.au](http://www.weeds.org.au)

### Indigenous Plant Nurseries

Contact Mornington Peninsula Shire Customer Service for a list of indigenous plant nurseries.

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This brochure accompanies a series of planting guides for your area on the Mornington Peninsula 'REVEGETATION AND LANDSCAPING WITH INDIGENOUS PLANTS' also available from Mornington Peninsula Shire

### Assistance to protect biodiversity on your land

Grants or rebates are available from council for owners of land over two hectares. Conditions apply. Contact the Customer Service Centre.

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## Indigenous plants suitable for septic tank effluent disposal trenches

Soil around septic tanks, grey water and other waste water outlets may be high in nutrients.

Many indigenous plants on the Mornington Peninsula are not suited to high nutrient conditions. However, there are some that can be used to reduce excessive nutrient levels and are particularly useful where septic tanks or grey water runoff effects natural waterways.

Once established, non-woody indigenous plants can be easily cut back to reduce nutrients in the soil. This allows new growth and more rapid nutrient absorption. Cut plant material can be composted.

The following is a list of indigenous species that tolerate soil conditions around septic tanks or grey water outlets. In general, these plants are all suited to moist or wet soil conditions.

### Ground Cover

*Alisma plantago-aquatica* Water Plantain  
*Carex apressa* Tall Sedge  
*Carex fascicularis* Tassel Sedge  
*Centella cordifolia* Centella  
*Eleocharis acuta* Common Spike-rush  
*Eragrostis brownii* Common Love-grass  
*Glyceria australis* Australian Sweet-grass  
*Imperata cylindrica* Blady Grass  
*Juncus procerus* Tall Rush  
*Juncus pallidus* Pale Rush  
*Juncus sarophorus* Broom Rush  
*Lachnagrostis filiformis* Blown Grass  
*Microlaena stipoides* Weeping Grass  
*Poa labillardierei* Common Tussock-grass  
*Poa ensiformis* Purple-sheath Tussock-grass  
*Wahlenbergia gracilis* Spreading Bluebell

### Shrubs and Small Trees

*Goodenia ovata* Hop Goodenia  
*Kunzea ericoides* Burgan  
*Leptospermum continentale* Prickly Tea-tree  
*Leptospermum lanigerum* Woolly Tea-tree  
*Melaleuca squarrosa* Scented Paperbark  
*Ozothamnus ferrugineus* Tree Everlasting  
*Solanum laciniatum* Large Kangaroo Apple

### What to plant where ...

#### making the most of your revegetation project.

Indigenous plants growing in the wild are distributed across the peninsula according to a range of ecological conditions.

In Victoria, native vegetation is mapped and managed in units called Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs). EVCs have a characteristic set of plant species found in them. We can get a good idea of what to plant where by looking at EVC maps, produced by the state government. Mornington Peninsula Shire has been divided into seven planting regions, based largely on the distribution of EVCs.

Ask your Mornington Peninsula Shire Customer Service Centre for a copy of the brochure 'Revegetation and Landscaping with Indigenous Plants' for your local area or see the council website.

**S** Plants appearing with this symbol are suitable species for areas affected by salt spray or generally higher natural salt levels e.g. near coast.

\* Dimensions given for size represent the typical maximum space that each species may occupy once mature. They are generally much smaller in heathland vegetation.  
 † Scientific names are given in the broad sense due to recent changes to or ongoing revision of taxonomy.

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## Ground Covers



**Sand-hill Sword-sedge**  
*Lepidosperma concavum*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 0.7 m  
 Flowering time - most of year



**Veined Spear-grass**  
*Austrostipa rudis* subsp. *rudis*  
 Size (h x w) - 1.2 x 0.4 m  
 Flowering time - Oct of Feb



**Coast Tussock-grass**  
*Poa poliformis* var. *poliformis*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - Sep of Jan



**Small-flowered Flax-lily**  
*Dianella brevicaulis*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.8 x 0.3 m  
 Flowering time - Aug to May



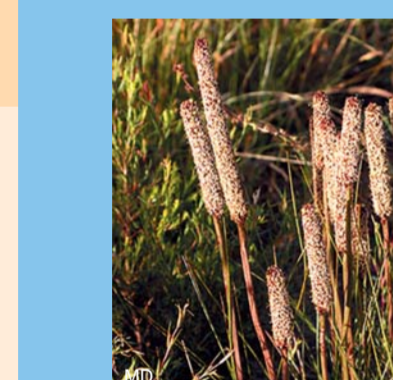
**Bulbine Lily**  
*Bulbine bulbosa*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.6 x 0.3 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Jan



**Red-fruited Saw-sedge** *Gahnia sieberiana*  
 Size (h x w) - 3 x 3 m  
 Flowering time - Oct to Jan



**Broom Spurge** *Amperoa xiphioclada* var. *xiphioclada*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.8 x 0.5 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Feb



**Small Grass-tree** *Xanthorrhoea minor* subsp. *lutea*  
 Size (h x w) - 1.2 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - Nov to Jan



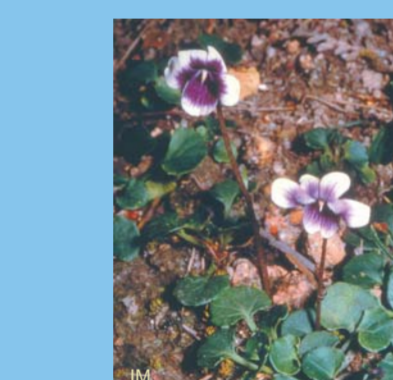
**Spiny-headed Mat-rush**  
*Lomandra longifolia* subsp. *longifolia*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 1.2 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Dec



**Knobby Club-rush** *Ficinia nodosa*  
 Size (h x w) - 1.5 x 2 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Nov



**Kangaroo Grass** *Themeda triandra*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 0.5 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Feb



**Native Violet** *Viola hederacea* subsp. *hederacea*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.2 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - mostly June to Mar



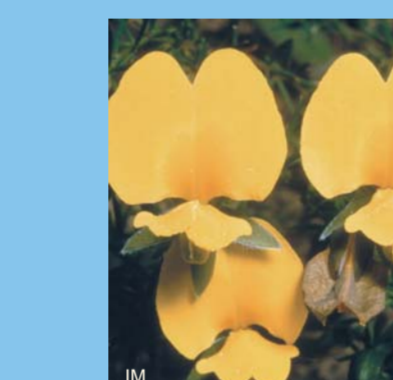
**Cranberry Heath**  
*Astroloma humifusum*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.5 x 1.5 m  
 Flowering time - May to Sep



**Common Tussock-grass**  
*Poa labillardierei* var. *labillardierei*  
 Size (h x w) - 1.5 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - Oct to Mar



**Bristly Wallaby-grass** *Austrodanthonia setacea*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.5 x 0.3 m  
 Flowering time - mostly Sep to Mar



**Common Wedge-pea** *Gompholobium huegelii*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Feb



**Common Hovea**  
*Hovea heterophylla*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.6 x 0.3 m  
 Flowering time - Aug to Oct



**Common Fringe-lily** *Thysanotus tuberosus* subsp. *tuberosus*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.3 x 0.2 m  
 Flowering time - Nov to Jan



**Long Purple-flag** *Patersonia occidentalis*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.4 x 0.6 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Jan



**Running Postman** *Kernedra prostrata*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.1 x 2 m  
 Flowering time - Apr to Dec



**Common Trigger-plant**  
*Stylidium armeria*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.1 x 0.3 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Dec



**Kidney Weed** *Dichondra repens*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.1 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - Sep to Dec



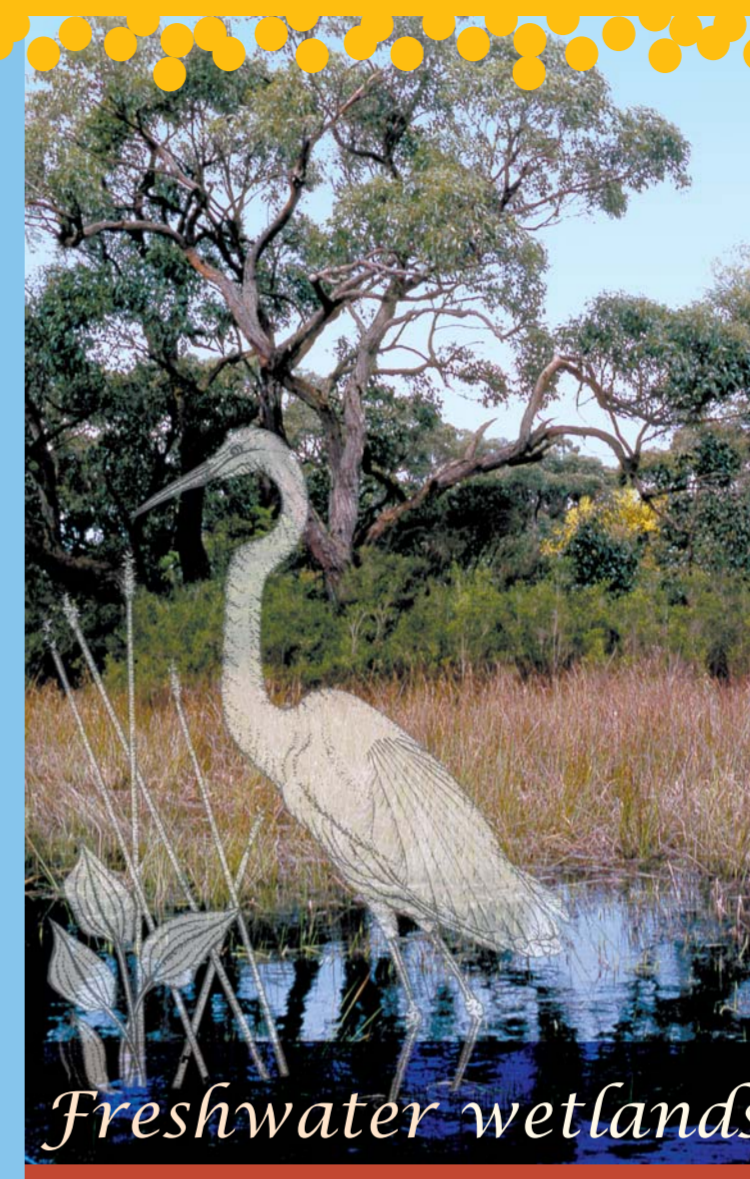
**Bent Goodenia** *Goodenia geniculata*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.1 x 0.5 m  
 Flowering time - Aug to Feb



**Mountain Clematis** *Clematis aristata* (left)  
**Small-leaf Clematis** *Clematis microphylla* var. *microphylla*  
 Size - medium climber  
 Flowering time - Aug to Mar



**Bundled Guinea-flower**  
*Hibbertia fasciculata* var. *prostrata*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.6 x 0.5 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Nov



## Freshwater wetlands & Farm Dams

Farm dams, natural wetlands and other water bodies are essential habitat for many local flora and local / migratory fauna. Development of land for housing and farming has seen the loss of many wetlands, both small and large throughout the peninsula.

Council asks that all wetlands and associated native vegetation are retained and protected on your land. A permit is required for removal of wetland and other native vegetation.

The quality of water can be greatly improved with the addition of indigenous plants in and around the dam.

Locally native trees, shrubs and ground covers are best suited to local conditions e.g. climate and soil types.

They help to:

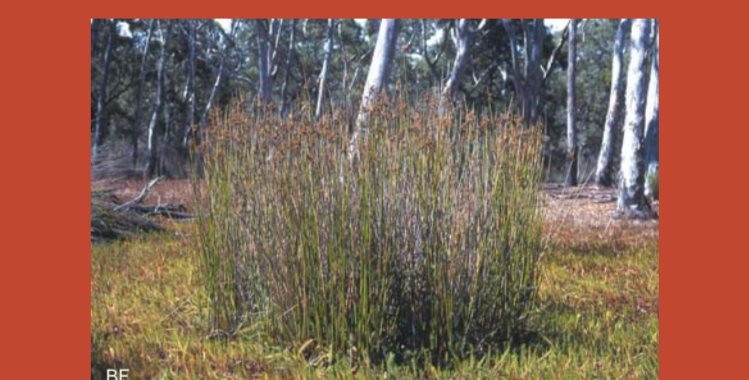
- prevent algal blooms.
- control erosion.
- provide habitat and food for native fauna including birds, frogs, fish and mammals.
- replace wetland vegetation lost through past clearing.
- reduce excessive nutrient accumulation.



**Tall Spike-sedge** *Eleocharis sphacelata*  
 Size (h x w) - 2 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - Nov to Feb



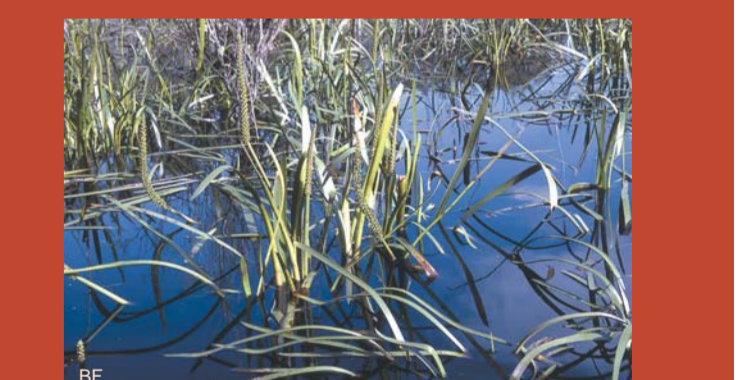
**Tassel Sedge**  
*Carex fascicularis*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 0.8 m  
 Flowering time - Oct to Apr



**Pale Rush** *Juncus pallidus*  
 Size (h x w) - 2.3 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - Dec to Mar



**Tall Sedge**  
*Carex apressa*  
 Size (h x w) - 1.2 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - Aug to Jan



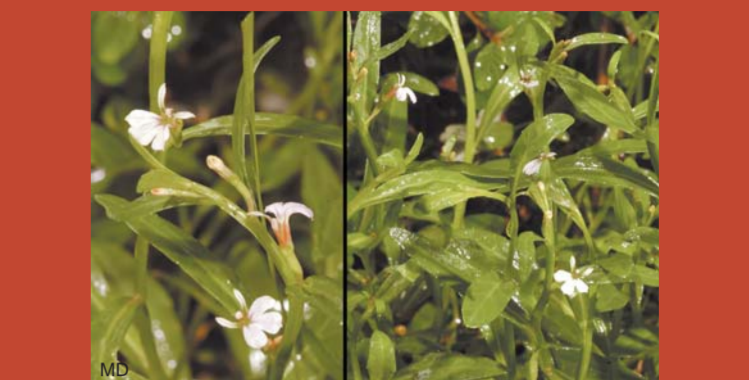
**Water Ribbons** *Triglochin procerum*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.5 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - Aug to Apr



**Streaked Arrowgrass**  
*Triglochin striata*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.4 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - Sep to Dec

Consistently moist to wet soils often drying over summer. Shallow water (to about 10cm deep) around edges. Submergent and/or emergent or floating. Deep water. Plants generally requiring inundation. Submergent and/or emergent or floating.

Many naturally occurring wetlands dry out over summer. During this time, some wetland plant species die back but then re-grow seasonally in response to rainfall and/or inundation of the wetland.



**Angled Lobelia** *Labelia anceps*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.5 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - most of the year



**Centella** *Centella cordifolia*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.1 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - Aug to Jan



**Upright Water-milfoil** *Myriophyllum crispatum*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.6 m x spreading  
 Flowering time - Oct to Apr



**Slender Knotweed** *Persicaria decipiens*  
 Size (h x w) - 0.6 x 1 m  
 Flowering time - most of the year



**Water Plantain** *Alisma plantago-aquatica*  
 Size (h x w) - 1 x 0.5 m  
 Flowering time - Dec to Feb



**Floating Pondweed** *Potamogeton tricarinaris*  
 Size (h x w) - Floating x 4.5 m  
 Flowering time - Sep to Apr