

2026

# Native Plant Giveaway

Plant Information  
& Planting Guide



## Thank you for being a part of enhancing biodiversity across Albany!

The 2026 Native Plant Giveaway initiative is proudly co-funded by Water Corporation's Waterwise Greening Scheme and forms part of our ambition to be a leading waterwise community.




The giveaway is held at the Green Fair on the Square Event on Sat 9 May as part of the WA Tree Festival.

The WA Tree Festival is an annual celebration of trees that enhance our suburbs, support our wildlife and enrich our daily lives.

The Festival is sponsored by the Government of Western Australia, with the support of WALGA and Perth NRM.



### Benefits of native waterwise gardens:

-  Saving water
-  A beautiful green space
-  Increased habitat for wildlife

## What's in your Native Plant pack?

The City of Albany has curated **two** packs, each pack containing **five** locally native waterwise plants for participants of the Native Plant Giveaway initiative.

These plants are suitable for our local climate and soils and are attractive and easy to grow. Once established, the native plants require minimal watering and will attract pollinators, birds and other wildlife to your garden.

## What types of native plants are available?

A variety of ground covers, sedges and small shrubs are included. Plants have been selected to fit small gardens, but are also suitable for larger gardens. This guide includes a description of all species.

There are also free tree seedlings available on the day that do not require registration, these are included in this guide too.

## Are the plants locally sourced or grown?

Yes, the plants are grown by a local nursery using seed collected from the region.






## What size pots do the seedlings come in?

The seedlings are in small tube stock pots. Tube stock are more delicate but will establish into stronger plants more quickly than larger pots once planted if properly cared for.

## How do I care for my plants after collection?

The Native Plant Giveaway is planned for May to ensure planting occurs when the first rains begin. It is recommended that the seedlings are planted as soon as possible after you receive them. Check out our hints and tips at the end of this guide to help ensure success!

## Key to Flowering times

	Birak   <b>Beruc*</b>	December – January
	Bunuru   <b>Meertilluc</b>	February – March
	Djeran   <b>Pourner</b>	April – May
	Makuru   <b>Mawkur</b>	June – July
	Djilba   <b>Meeringal</b>	August – September
	Kambarang   <b>Maungernan</b>	October – November

\* Noongar | Menang Noongar Seasons

Please note, plant species included in this Guide are dependent on nursery availability and may be subject to change.

# Plant Pack 1 Waterwise Verge



Common Name **Native Wisteria**  
Scientific Name ***Hardenbergia comptoniana***  
Flowering **Mawkur - Maungernan**

Vigorous climber or creeping groundcover with masses of purple pea flowers and attractive dark green glossy leaves.

Common Name -  
Scientific Name ***Ornduffia parnassiflora***  
Flowering **Meerningal - Beruc**

Small herbaceous plant, with delicate star shaped yellow flowers. Although technically a semi-aquatic plant, it has proven to do well in dryer conditions and sandy soils.



Common Name **Knotted Club Rush**  
Scientific Name ***Ficinia nodosa***  
Flowering **Maungernan - Beruc**

Extremely hardy native grass (sedge) with arching stems and brown flower spikes throughout most of the year.



All plants in **Plant Pack 1** are perfect for your verge. There are **nine** different species in this mix - your pack will contain **five** of these.

They are a hardy mix of small, compact herbs, shrubs and groundcovers. All these plants will do well in full sun to partial shade and in well drained soil.

All these plants meet our **Street Verge Guidelines** to maintain clear lines of sight. Remember to apply for a Verge Permit before planting - scan here for information on the **Waterwise Verge Rebate** and **Verge Development Application**:



Common Name **Purple Flag / Native Iris**  
Scientific Name ***Patersonia occidentalis***  
Flowering **Meerningal - Beruc**

Hardy, attractive strappy leaf herb, with purple-blue flowers held up above the foliage.

Common Name **Coral Vine**  
Scientific Name ***Kennedia coccinea***  
Flowering **Meerningal - Maungernan**

Vigorous twining vine that can be used as a climber or groundcover, with brightly coloured flowers of red, pink and orange.



# Plant Pack 1 Waterwise Verge

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You can also apply for a free street tree for your verge! Scan here for information



Common Name **Australian Bluebell**  
Scientific Name ***Billarderia fusiformis***  
Flowering **Maungernan - Meertilluc**

Twining shrub or climber with bright blue hanging bell flowers. It has a fast-growing, dense, and spreading form.



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OR

Common Name **Grey Cottonhead**  
Scientific Name ***Conostylis candicans***  
Flowering **Mawkur - Maungernan**

Clumping perennial herb with strappy grey leaves, complemented by attractive heads of yellow flowers on long stalks.



Common Name **Knotted Club Rush**  
Scientific Name ***Ficinia nodosa***  
Flowering **Maungernan - Beruc**

Extremely hardy native grass (sedge) with arching stems and brown flower spikes throughout most of the year.



OR

Common Name **Prickly Conostylis**  
Scientific Name ***Conostylis aculeata***  
Flowering **Meerningal - Maungernan**

Clumping grassy herb with yellow flowering buds that makes a lovely groundcover. It is an adaptable, low maintenance plant and is great for waterwise plantings.



Common Name **Nodding Club Rush**  
Scientific Name ***Isolepis cernua***  
Flowering **Meerningal - Beruc**

Small tufted herb with soft weeping grass like leaves. Each stem is crowned by a silvery spikelet.

# Plant Pack 2 Wildlife Garden

**Plant Pack 2** includes some bigger plants that will fill your garden with colour and be loved by our native wildlife! You'll find a lovely mix of wild climbers, creepers, and flowering shrubs.

There are **ten** different species in this mix - your pack will contain **five** of these. Just remember some of these are too tall for your verge!



Common Name **Dryandra-leaved Banksia**

Scientific Name ***Banksia dryandroides***

Flowering  Meeringal - Beruc

Dense ornamental, almost prostrate shrub with golden brown flowers and fine, serrated dark green foliage with white underside. Makes an excellent bird refuge.



Common Name **Knotted Club Rush**

Scientific Name ***Ficinia nodosa***

Flowering  Maungernan - Beruc

Extremely hardy native grass (sedge) with arching stems and brown flower spikes throughout most of the year.

Common Name **Early Astartea**

Scientific Name ***Astartea glomulosa***

Flowering  Pournier/Maungernan-Beruc

Small, compact, hardy shrub in the Myrtle family with small green leaves and abundant pale pink tea tree like flowers along branches.



Common Name **Harsh Hakea**

Scientific Name ***Hakea prostrata***

Flowering  Mawkur - Maungernan

Large shrub, sometimes prostrate with white to light pink flowers and interesting, very prickly foliage.



OR



Common Name **Native Wisteria**

Scientific Name ***Hardenbergia comptoniana***

Flowering  Mawkur - Maungernan

Vigorous climber or creeping groundcover with masses of purple pea flowers and attractive dark green glossy leaves.



Common Name **Nodding Club Rush**

Scientific Name ***Isolepis cernua***

Flowering  Meeringal - Beruc

Small tufted herb with soft weeping grass like leaves. Each stem is crowned by a silvery spikelet.

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Common Name **Green Honey Myrtle**  
Scientific Name ***Melaleuca diosmifolia***  
Flowering **Meerningal - Maungernan**

Compact shrub with beautiful green bottlebrush flowers and stamens tipped with yellow. The birds love it!



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Flowering **Maungernan - Beruc**

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Scientific Name ***Billarderia fusiformis***  
Flowering **Maungernan - Meertilluc**

Twining shrub or climber with bright blue hanging bell flowers. It has a fast-growing, dense, and spreading form.



Common Name **Honey Bush**  
Scientific Name ***Hakea lissocarpha***  
Flowering **Pourner - Meerningal**

Beautiful sprawling, strong sweetly scented shrub with dense lime green prickly foliage and white to pale pink flowers. Plant away from paths to avoid prickly foliage!



or



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# Individual Trees *Habitat Trees*


These trees have been selected to help increase biodiversity and urban tree canopy across our suburbs. These species will help provide valuable habitat for our local wildlife such as the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo.



Common Name **Slender Banksia**  
Scientific Name ***Banksia attenuata***  
Flowering  Maungernan - Meertilluc

Tall shrub or small tree that bears a profusion of showy yellow candle-like flowers from spring to autumn.




Common Name **Marri**  
Scientific Name ***Corymbia calophylla***  
Flowering  Beruc - Pournier

Large tree known for its iconic honkey nuts. Buds burst into clusters of fluffy cream flowers late summer. A favourite for wildlife!

Common Name **Baxter's Banksia**  
Scientific Name ***Banksia baxteri***  
Flowering  Meerningal - Beruc - Pournier

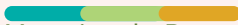
Tall openly branched shrub form with distinctive half sphere flowers within an rosette of triangular leaves.



Common Name **Red Flowering Gum**  
Scientific Name ***Corymbia ficifolia***  
Flowering  Beruc - Pournier

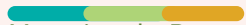
A moderately fast growing small garden tree. Bursts into vibrant shades of orange, red to pink over summer.



Common Name **Bull Banksia**  
Scientific Name ***Banksia grandis***  
Flowering  Meerningal - Beruc

Great feature shrub/small tree with spectacular yellow flowers and large toothed foliage.



Common Name **Albany Blackbutt**  
Scientific Name ***Eucalyptus staeri***  
Flowering  Meerningal - Beruc

A small tree or mallee closely related to Jarrah, with rough bark and creamy white flowers.

# Garden Tips Building Biodiversity &

Build a healthy habitat that flora and fauna will love! Plant diversity *and* structural diversity are key to creating a biodiverse ecosystem in your garden - providing shelter, foraging, and connections for wildlife.

**Canopy layer**  
Large shrubs & trees

Provide dense & prickly plants for birds to shelter in

**Mid-story layer**  
Shrubs & climbers

Provide water for wildlife - Bird baths, frog ponds

Provide cooling, shade & wildlife stepping stones & connections

Provide hollow logs, rocks & mulch for insects, lizards & small marsupials to forage & nest in

**Understorey layer**  
Small shrubs, herbs & groundcovers

Check out these resources on planting natives & tips for success in your garden!



[bgpa.wa.gov.au/grow-it-at-home](http://bgpa.wa.gov.au/grow-it-at-home)



[publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/](http://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/)



[anpsa.org.au/plant-guides](http://anpsa.org.au/plant-guides)



[wildflowersocietywa.org.au](http://wildflowersocietywa.org.au)

# Planting for Success!

**Give seedlings the best start to life!**

Plant the seedlings as soon as possible, but firstly give them a good water while still in the pots. To stimulate root growth, add a little seaweed extract to the water.



**Prepare the ground**

Dig a hole twice as deep and twice as wide as the plant container. Water the hole and let it drain away before planting. Mix in a low phosphorous soil wetting agent and native slow release fertilizer.



**Treat seedlings gently**

Remove the plant by squeezing the sides of the pot. You want to keep the soil and root ball intact. If the plant doesn't come out easily, tap lightly on the edges of the container and try again.



**Plant & back fill**

Place in the hole slightly below the surrounding soil. Backfill with soil, pat down gently to remove air pockets, and create a "well" around the plant to catch water.



**Help them settle them in for a good life!**

Add coarse waterwise mulch, such as pine bark, around the plant keeping the mulch away from the stem (~50-75mm deep layer). Water thoroughly to settle the soil, ensuring the soil remains moist but not waterlogged. Continue to water every second day for the first 4-6 weeks to help plants settle in, then taper off to weekly or fortnightly. Transitioning to a deep, less frequent soaking during establishment will encourage deep root growth.



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