

# Landscaping Guideline: Plants to Avoid

The following plants are either harmful (e.g. as an irritant or toxic when eaten), or can spread easily and invade bushland and should not be used for landscaping or screening.

## Trees

### Eucalyptus (or *Corymbia*) Gum Trees

- Lemon Scented Gum (*Eucalyptus citriodora*)
- Spotted Gum (*Eucalyptus maculata*)
- Sugar Gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*)

### Palms

- Cotton Palm (*Washingtonia filifera* and *roboata*)
- Date Palm (*Phoenix calieriensis*)
- Pigmy Date Palm (*Phoenix robelini*)

### Pines

- Bunya Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*)
- Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*)
- Montrey Pine (*Pinus radiata*)
- Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*)
- Rhus species (*Toxicodenidro*, *Rhus spp.*)

### Wattles

- Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*)
- Early Black Wattle (*Acacia decurrens*)
- Flinders Range Wattle (*Acacia iteaphylla*)
- Queensland Silver Wattle (*Acacia podalyriifolia*)
- Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*)
- Sydney Golden Wattle (*Acacia longifolia*)

### Other

- Bazillian, broadleaf, Californian or Japanese Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*)
- Bitter almond (*Prunus dulcis*)
- Black bean, Morton Bay chestnut (*Castanospermum australe*)
- Black locust, false acacia, robinia (*Robinia psuedoacacia* and cultivars)
- Cape lilac, White cedar (*Melia azedarach*)
- Castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*)
- Fruit trees (Apricot, Loquat, Peach)
- Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*)
- Olive (*Olea europea*)
- Tagasaste or Tree Lucerne (*Chamaecytisus palmensis* - formerly *Cytissus prolifer*)
- Tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Tung-oil tree (*Vernicia fordii*)
- Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*)

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### Shrubs and Brasses Taller Than 15cm

- African Corn Flag (*Chasmanthe floribunda*)
- African milk bush (*Synadenium grantii*)
- Agave, Century plant (*Agave americana*)
- Aloe vera (*Aloe vera*)
- Angel's trumpet (*Brugmansia* spp. (syn *Datura* spp.))
- Apple of Sodom (*Solanum sodomaeum*, *S. linnaeanum*)
- Arum Lilly (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*)
- Asclepias, milkweed or cotton bush (*Asclepias* spp. (syn. *Gomphocarpus* spp.))
- Autumn crocus (*Colchicum autumnale*)
- Bamboo or Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*)
- Blackberries (*Rubis* spp)
- Blackberry nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*)
- Blue Lupin or Sandplain Lupin (*Lupinus cosentinii*)
- Bracken fern (*Pteridium esculentum*)
- Broom (All *Genista* species – except *G. monsperma*)
- Bushmans poison, Wintersweet (*Acokanthera spectabilis*)
- Caladium (*Caladium* spp.)
- Cassava (*Manihot esculenta*)
- Cestrum, Jessamine (*Cestrum* spp.)
- Cherry laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)
- Chillli (*Capsicum* spp.)
- Coral bush (*Jatropha podagrica*)
- Cottoneaster species (*Cottoneaster glaucophyllus* and *Cottoneaster pannosus*)
- Crown of thorns (*Euphorbia milii* and cultivars)
- Cuckoo pint, Italian arum (*Arum italicum*)
- Dieffenbachia, dumbcane (*Dieffenbachia* spp.)
- Elephant's ear and taro (*Alocasia* spp.)
- Euphorbia (various), spurge (*Euphorbia* spp.)
- False jasmine, yellow jasmine (*Gelsemium* spp.)
- Fishtail palm (*Caryota mitis*)
- Gladiolus species including Long Tubed Painted Lady (*Gladiolus undulatus*, *Gladiolus caryophyllaceus* and *Gladiolus angustus*)
- Harlequin Flower (*Sparaxis bulbifera*)
- Hellebore (*Helleborus* spp. and cultivars)
- Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)
- Jerusalem cherry, ornamental chilli (*Solanum pseudocapsicum*)
- Lantana species (*Lantana camara*)
- Naked lady, pencil bush (*Euphorbia tirucalli*)
- Narrow-leaf cotton bush, swan plant (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus* (syn. *Asclepias fruticosa*))
- Nettle, stinging nettle (*Urtica* spp.)
- Nicotiana (*Nicotiana tabacum*)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Osteospermum species
- Pampus Grass (*Cortaderia sellona*)
- Pieris (*Pieris japonica*)
- Rose Pelargonium (*Pelargonium capitatum*)
- Rubber tree (*Calotropis procera* and *Ficus elastica*)
- Rue (*Ruta graveolens*)
- Swamp Hibiscus (*Hibiscus diversifolius*)
- Tambookie Grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
- Tree Mallow (*Lavarta arborea*)
- Veldt daisy (*Dimorphotheca ecklonis*)
- Victorian Tea Tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*)
- Watsonia species (*Watsonia* spp.)
- Whirling Butterflies (*Gaura lindheirmeri*)
- Wild Onion (*Asphodelus fistulosus*)
- Yellow oleander (*Cascabela thevetia*)

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### Groundcovers, Bulbs Grasses and Vines

- Allamanda (*Allamanda cathartica*)
- Arctotis – White (*Arctotis stoechadifolia*)
- Baboon Flower (*Babiana disticha*)
- Belladonna lily, Easter Lilly (*Amaryllis belladonna*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Thunbergia alata*)
- Blue Periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*)
- Bridal Creepers (*Asparagus asparagoides* - formerly *Myrsiphyllum asparagoides*)
- Bridal Veil (*Asparagus declinatum* - formerly *Myrsiphyllum declinatum*)
- Chalice vine (*Solandra spp.*)
- Chinchinchee and other ornithogalums (*Ornithogalum spp.*)
- Clematis (*Clematis spp.*)
- Commelina (*Commelina benghalensis*)
- Common Vetch (*Vicia satvia*)
- Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia spp.*)
- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)
- Freesia and Freesia hybrids (*Freesia species*)
- Fritillaria, snake's head fritillary (*Fritillaria meleagris*)
- Gazania (*Gazania linearis*)
- Gloriosa lily, glory vine (*Gloriosa superba*)
- Hyacinth (*Hyacinthus orientalis*)
- Ivy or English Ivy (*Hedra helix*)
- Madiera Vine (*Anredera cordifolia*)
- Morning glory (*Ipomea spp.*)
- Morning Glory (*Ipomoea cairica* or *Ipomoea indica*)
- Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*)
- Nerine (*Nerine spp.*)
- Perrenial sweet pea (*Lathyrus tingitanus*)
- Pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*)
- Tradescata (*Tradescata fluminensis*)
- Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
- Whiteflower Fumitory (*Fumaria capreolata*)

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### Listing of Plants to Avoid - by Scientific Name

- *Acacia baileyana*
- *Acacia dealbata*
- *Acacia decurrens*
- *Acacia iteaphylla*
- *Acacia longifolia*
- *Acacia podalyriifolia*
- *Acokanthera spectabilis*
- *Agave americana*
- *Ailanthus altissima*
- *Allamanda cathartica*
- *Alocasia spp.*
- *Aloe vera*
- *Amaryllis belladonna*
- *Anredera cordifolia*
- *Araucaria bidwillii*
- *Araucaria heterophylla*
- *Arctotis stoechadifolia*
- *Aristolochia spp.*
- *Arum italicum*
- *Arundo donax*
- *Asclepias spp (syn. Gomphocarpus spp.)*
- *Asparagus asparagoides*
- *Asphodelus fistulosus*
- *Babiana disticha*
- *Brachychiton populneus*
- *Brugmansia spp. (syn. Datura spp.)*
- *Caladium spp.*
- *Capsicum spp.*
- *Caryota mitis*
- *Cascabela thevetia*
- *Castanospermum australe*
- *Cestrum spp*
- *Chamaecytisus palmensis (formerly Cytissus prolifera)*
- *Chasmanthe floribunda*
- *Clematis spp*
- *Colchicum autumnale*
- *Commelina benghalensis*
- *Conium maculatum*
- *Cortaderia sellona*
- *Cottoneaster glaucophyllus and Cottoneaster pannosus*
- *Dieffenbachia spp*
- *Dimorphotheca ecklonis*
- *Eucalyptus maculata*
- *Eucalyptus citriodora*
- *Eucalyptus cladocalyx*
- *Euphorbia milii and cultivars*
- *Euphorbia spp*
- *Euphorbia tirucalli*
- *Ficus elastica*
- *Freesia aff leichtlinii*
- *Fritillaria meleagris*
- *Fumaria capreolata*
- *Gaura lindheirmeri*
- *Gazania linearis*
- *Gelsemium spp.*
- *Genista species*
- *Gladiolus angustus*
- *Gladiolus caryophyllaceus*
- *Gladiolus undulatus*
- *Gloriosa superba*
- *Gomphocarpus fruticosus (syn. Asclepias fruticosa)*
- *Hedra helix*
- *Helleborus spp and cultivars*

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- *Hyacinthoides hispanica*
- *Hyacinthus orientalis*
- *Hyparrhenia hirta*
- *Ipomea* spp.
- *Ipomoea* spp. (*cairica* & *indica*)
- *Jatropha podagrica*
- *Lantana camara*
- *Lathyrus tingitanus*
- *Lavarta arborea*
- *Leptospermum laevigatum*
- *Lupinus cosentinii*
- *Lupinus* spp.
- *Manihot esculenta*
- *Melia azedarach*
- *Myrsiphyllum asparagoides*
- *Myrsiphyllum declinatum*
- *Nerine* spp.
- *Nerium oleander*
- *Nicotiana tabacum*
- *Olea europea*
- *Ornithogalum* spp.
- *Osteospermum* spp.
- *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- *Pelargonium capitatum*
- *Pennisetum setaceum*
- *Phoenix calieriensis*
- *Phoenix rebelini*
- *Pieris japonica*
- *Pinus radiata*
- *Prunus dulcis*
- *Prunus laurocerasus*
- *Pteridium esculentum*
- *Rhus* spp.
- *Ricinus communis*
- *Robinia psuedoacacia* and cultivars
- *Rubis* spp.
- *Ruta graveolens*
- *Salix babylonica*
- *Schinus terebinthifolius*
- *Solandra* spp.
- *Solanum nigrum*
- *Solanum pseudocapsicum*
- *Solanum sodomaeum*, *S. linnaeanum*
- *Sparaxis bulbifera*
- *Synadenium grantii*
- *Thunbergia alata*
- *Toxicodenidron*
- *Trandescata fluminensis*
- *Tropaeolum majus*
- *Urtica* spp.
- *Vernicia fordii*
- *Vicia satvia*
- *Vinca major*
- *Washingtonia filifera*
- *Watsonia* spp.
- *Zantedeschia aethiopica*