



Waterwise Gardening

*Your Guide to
beautiful
low-water use
plants
for smaller gardens
in the Albury area*

Albury-Wodonga
Development Corporation

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GRASSES				
E	<i>Festuca glauca</i>		0.15	Bluish-green grass which prefers a sunny position. Plant as a border.
N, I	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	Large Tussock Grass	0.6	An attractive tussock grass with green or purplish flower heads from October to February. Adapts to moist or dry soils. Very hardy. Full or part sun.
N	<i>Poa sieberiana</i> var. <i>cyanophylla</i>	Snow Grass	0.2 x 0.3	Very attractive silver blue tussock grass for full sun to part shade positions. Frost hardy, tolerates dry conditions. Excellent border or underplant.
E	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Sarabande'	Feather Grass	0.7 x 0.7	Narrow arching leaves give a superb fountain-like effect to about 150cm high. The silvery mauve rather narrow flower heads are well separated from the foliage. Flowers in late summer and autumn. Winter foliage burnished orange and chocolate to straw gold.
N, I	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass	0.4 x 0.75	Ornamental, soft perennial tussock. Flowers spring and summer with glossy brown spikelets to approx 60cm high. Adapts to most soils that do not remain wet. Full sun to part shade positions. Cut back in Autumn.
TUFTED PLANTS				
N, I	<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	Black Anthered Flax Lily	0.4 x 0.5	Dark green, strap leaved plant with small blue flowers on wiry black stems and blue berries after flowering. Drought and frost hardy.
E	<i>Dietes grandiflora</i> & <i>D. bicolor</i>	Wild Iris	1.0 x 1.0	Erect foliaged, clump forming plant with tall white flowers with yellow & orange spots.
E	<i>Iris unguicularis</i> 'Starkers Pink'	Pink Algerian Iris	0.5 x 0.5	One of the toughest evergreen plants thriving in almost any position except dense shade. It has long thin arching dark green leaves with fragrant soft lavender-pink flowers from May until September.
N, I	<i>Isolepis nodosa</i>	Knobby Club-rush	0.4 – 1 x 0.5	Small tufting plant featuring globular, brownish flower heads throughout the year. Capable of withstanding extended dry periods once established.
E	<i>Kniphofia</i> 'Percy's Pride'	Red Hot Pokers	1.0 x 0.8	Tough sun loving plant with large soft yellowy-green flowers from mid-summer into autumn.
E	<i>Phormium</i> 'Surfer Boy'	New Zealand Flax	0.7 x 0.6	Dwarf, clump forming plant with khaki-green leaves edged bronze.

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BORDER PLANTS				
E	<i>Artemisia pedemontana</i>	Silky Wormwood	0.05 x 0.35	A flat mat of soft, much dissected, silky silver leaves. Good in rock gardens and borders. Cut old stems to the ground in May or June. Needs a sunny position.
E	<i>Euphorbia nicaeensis</i> ssp. <i>glareosa</i>	Nice Spurge	0.2 x 0.5	A spilling, almost prostrate spurge, covered by greeny-yellow flowers in summer and autumn.
E	<i>Nepeta</i> 'Six Hills Giant'	Six Hills Catmint	0.6 x 0.75	Lovely grey leaves set off the lax sprays of the hazy lavender-blue flowers.
E	<i>Salvia officinalis</i> 'Berggarten'	Ornamental Sage	0.35 x 0.60	An ornamental variety of the culinary sage making an evergreen sub shrub with large very grey leaves. Requires full sun.
E	<i>Santolina neapolitana</i> 'E.A. Bowles' & other <i>Santolina</i> spp.	Bowles Cotton Lavender	0.5 x 0.6	Has small, finely feathered, grayish-green leaves on a 50cm compact mound carrying in early summer the loveliest pale lemon lacy buttons. Needs full sun. Clip after flowering.
E	<i>Sedum</i> 'Ruby Glow'	Stonecrop	0.25 x 0.3	Lax stems clothed in purple-grey waxy leaves, smothered with large clusters of claret stars in late summer and autumn. Good in drifts. Sun loving.
N	<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> 'Nana'	Dwarf Lilly Pilly	2 (if not clipped) x 1	Can be clipped to various shapes & sizes. Will form an attractive edge plant or hedge. Variegated form available.
N	<i>Syzygium</i> 'Tiny Trev'	Dwarf Lilly Pilly	0.75 x 0.5	A superb small edging plant suitable for topiary and low hedges. Grows into a dense, conical bush reaching a maximum height of 75cm. It prefers an open, sunny position. Excellent tub plant.
GROUND COVERS				
E N	<i>Ajuga</i> 'Burgundy' & <i>Ajuga australis</i>		0.15 x 0.15	Burgundy, cream and bronze leaves. Grey to dark green foliage, blue-mauve flowers. Sun or shade.
E	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i> "Snow Summer"		0.15 x 0.6	Thick, silver-grey leaves and white flowers in summer. Will tolerate drought. A good border and ground cover plant.
N	<i>Dampiera linearis</i>	Common Dampiera	0.15 x 1.5	A decorative, spreading, suckering plant. Features massed light blue flowers during winter and early spring. Likes well drained soils and full sun to partly shaded positions.

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N	<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Native Heath	0.4 x 0.4	The many forms of this small, tubular bell flowered plant will tolerate drought. Prefers dappled shade.
E	<i>Erigeron karwinskianus</i>	Seaside Daisy	0.45 x 1.5	A short, trailing- stemmed plant with white or pink daisy-like flowers. Prefers open sunny positions.
N	<i>Grevillea lanigera</i> 'Mt Tamboritha'		0.3 x 2	Good ground covering plant. Woolly foliage and massed cream and red flowers from Winter to Summer. Sunny, well drained sites.
N	<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> 'pink' & 'white' forms	Creeping Boobialla	0.7 wide	A moderately vigorous groundcover which grows in acidic or alkaline soils in semi-arid and temperate regions. Prefers sunny sites, tolerates semi-shade. Grows well on clay. White to pink flowers.
E	<i>Teucrium marum</i>	Cat Thyme	0.5 x 0.6	Drought and frost resistant plant with . silvery-grey foliage and sprays of crimson-mauve flowers in early summer.
LAWN SUBSTITUTES				
N	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney Weed		Dense creeping plant with round violet like leaves. Tolerates dry conditions but likes an occasional water. Good lawn substitute in low traffic areas.
SMALL SHRUBS				
E	<i>Artemisia</i> 'Powis Castle'	Dwarf Wormwood	0.6 x 0.6	Strong plant with finely cut soft silver leaves making a very attractive mound
N	<i>Acacia cognata</i> 'Green Mist'	Dwarf Bower Wattle	< 1m x 2	Very ornamental, weeping, dwarf shrub featuring soft, bright green foliage. Pale yellow flowers in spring. Will grow well in light to heavy soils in full sun to semi shade positions. Great in borders, rockeries, containers or as a feature shrub.
N	<i>Baeckea virgata</i> 'dwarf'	Twiggy Baeckea	0.5 x 0.6	Low, mounding shrub with dark green foliage and dainty white flowers in spring. Tolerates extreme drought.
N	<i>Banksia spinulosa</i> 'Honey Pots' & also <i>B. ericifolia</i> 'dwarf' forms.	Dwarf Hairpin Banksia Dwarf Heath Banksia	0.5 x 1.2	Dwarf, spreading shrub. Features large, bright lemon-orange or orange-red 'candle' flowers from late summer through to spring. Suits most soil types in full sun to part shaded positions. Frost hardy.

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E	<i>Coleonema pulchrum</i> 'Aureum'	Golden Diosma	0.6 x 0.8	Aromatic green-gold foliated plant with small pink Winter-Spring flowers. Can be clipped.
E	<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i>	Silver Bush	< 1	Low shrub. Silky silver leaves and white 'morning glory' flowers. Drought and wind tolerant.
N	<i>Correa alba</i> & <i>C. alba</i> 'pink'	White Correa	< 1.5 x 1.5	A dense small shrub with white flowers from late Spring to Autumn. Hardy in well drained moist or dry soils in full sun or part shade. Frost resistant.
N	<i>Correa</i> 'Dusky Bells'		< 0.6 x 2 – 3.0	Low growing dense shrub. It is an excellent ground cover preferring dappled shade, but tolerating full sun. Pink Bell flowers for most of the year but mainly in Autumn. Frost resistant.
N	<i>Crocea exalata</i> 'Ryan's Star'		0.5 x 0.5	Bushy, compact shrub featuring massed deep pink star flowers mostly during summer and autumn. Likes well drained soils in dappled shade to full sun. Great container plant.
N	<i>Eremophila glabra</i> 'Low form' (Yellow flowers) (and other <i>Eremophila</i> species)	Emu Bush	< 0.8 x 2.0	Beautiful, spreading grey leafed plant Features many yellow flowers during the warmer months of the year. Likes well drained soils with plenty of sunshine. Hardy to medium frosts and drought.
E, N	<i>Geranium spp.</i>	Cranesbill	<0.8 x 0.6	The many colourful varieties are well suited to warm, dryish positions
E	<i>Teucrium fruticans</i>	Bush Germander	< 1.2 x 1.5	Prefers well drained soils and an open sunny position. Drought resistant but frost tender. Silvery grey leaves and blue tubular flowers. Can be clipped.
N	<i>Thryptomene saxicola</i> 'Paynii'		0.5 x 1.0	Frost sensitive when young but resistant to frost and drought once established, this dainty pink spring flowering shrub can be used as a border or a specimen.
N	<i>Westringia</i> 'Jervis Gem'		1.0 x 1.0	Rounded, very compact small shrub. The soft grey foliage frames the pale lilac flowers which appear during autumn through to late summer. Hardy in any well drained soils. Full to part sun positions. Tolerates light frosts.
N, I	<i>Xerochrysum viscosum</i>	Sticky Everlasting Daisy	0.6 x 0.6	Bright yellow papery flowers with bright green narrow foliage. Long flowering. Cut back when new basal growth appears.

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E	<i>Camellia sasanqua (low forms)</i>		Various	Plant on the southern side of a wall where it will receive shelter from the hot mid to late day sun.
E	<i>Cistus 'Brilliancy'</i>	Rock Rose	1.0 x 1.0	Drought tolerant shrub with brilliant, large, deep pink flowers.
N	<i>Eriostemon myoporoides</i>	Long-leaf Waxflower	1.0 x 1.0	Extremely hardy plant which requires well drained soils and does best in dappled shade or partial sun. Responds well to pruning.
N	<i>Grevillea rhyolitica & many other Grevilleas</i>	Deua Grevillea	1.5 x 1.5	Attractive, rounded shrub. Features prolific red flowers throughout most of the year. Grows best in well drained soils and suits part shade to full sun positions.
E	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	English Lavendar	0.6 x 0.6	An old favourite, this popular Mediterranean shrub is drought hardy. Clip back to maintain shape.
E	<i>Nandina domestica 'Nana'</i>	Dwarf Sacred Bamboo	0.4 x 0.5	Small rounded shrub with greenish-yellow foliage deepening to red –orange in Autumn-Winter.
N	<i>Phebalium squamulosum ssp. argenteum & other Phebaliums</i>		1 – 2 x 1.5 – 2.5	Bushy, compact shrub. Features grey-green foliage and massed cream star flowers during spring and early summer. Likes well drained medium to heavy soils (including slightly alkaline) and quite shade to sunny sites.
N	<i>Rhagodia spinescens</i>	Hedge Saltbush	< 1.5	This highly drought tolerant shrub has mealy white leaves and red berries. Growing slowly, it can be clipped to shape. Useful for low hedges and as a ground cover.
E	<i>Rosa sp.</i>	Rose varieties	Various	Improve the soil with well rotted manure and other compost, and mulch well. Once established, Roses are quite drought hardy.

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E	<i>Rosmarinus 'Blue Lagoon'</i>	Rosemary	0.6 x 1.0	This aromatic blue flowered herb can be planted as a garden shrub. Tolerates extended drought.
N	<i>Ziera cyrtisoides 'Grey Ghost'</i>		0.6 x 1.0	Compact, grey foliated shrub, features many pink star shaped flowers in late winter and spring. Suits well drained soils in some shade. Frost tolerant.
SMALL TREES				
E	<i>Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred' Autumn Blaze, & other drought tolerant forms</i>		< 8.0 x 6.0	Beautiful red-orange autumn foliage. This lovely Maple will tolerate drought and heat.
E	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Irish Strawberry Tree	5.0 x 5.0	Very tough small tree. Leathery green foliage, white flowers and strawberry like ornamental fruit.
E	<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	Judas Tree	8.0 x 6.0	This Mediterranean tree has deep pink to purplish-red flowers. Dark green round leaves. Slow growing.
N	<i>Eucalyptus caesia 'Silver Princess'</i>	Gungurru	7.0 x 6.0	Very ornamental small tree with pendulous branches. Large pink or red flowers during Winter. Requires well drained acid to slightly alkaline soils and maximum sunshine. Drought tolerant, hardy to moderate frosts. Bird attracting.
N	<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia x ptychocarpa 'Summer Red'</i>		6.0 x 5.0	Beautiful ornamental small evergreen tree. Features large red flowers during summer and autumn. Grows in most soils including heavy types and also tolerates extended dry periods.

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N	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxyton</i> "Eucky Dwarf"	Dwarf Pink flowering Yellow Gum	7.0 x 5.0	Beautiful small tree with cream, pink or red flowers in Spring and Autumn and sporadically. Highly attractive to nectar feeding birds. Requires well drained soils.
E	<i>Lagerstroemia indica x L. fauriei</i> 'Tuscarora', L. 'Zuni' & other hybrids.	Crepe Myrtle	4.0 x 5.0	"Tuscarora" is a brilliant disease resistant, dark coral pink flowering selection. Excellent glowing red-orange autumn foliage colour and elegant smooth, pale brown bark. L. 'Natchez' has large panicles of white flowers in summer, growing to 5m wide. L. 'Zuni' is a semi-dwarf selection that should grow to 3.5m tall x 3 m wide, with lavender flowers and glowing dark red autumn foliage.
E	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Capital'		11.0 x 3.5	Columnar shaped, deciduous tree for narrow spaces. Lustrous dark green leaves changing to reddish-purple in late autumn. Abundant white flowers in Spring.
E	<i>Pyrus nivalis</i>	Snow Pear	8.0 x 7.0	With downy, silvery-grey leaves and profuse white flowers in Spring, this lovely tree can be pleached or clipped to required size and shape.