

Low Flammability Native Plant Guide

Did you know that many of our native plant species are not only great habitat for local wildlife, and important for biodiversity, but they can also slow the spread of fire?

Take a walk through our garden here at The Summit Community Centre and see which ones you can spot. You might also like to consider planting some of these in your own garden at home.

Common Vanilla-lily

Arthropodium strictum

A perennial lily species which dies down to root in summer. Drought and frost tolerant, with chocolate or vanilla-scented purple flowers from October to December.

Prefers well drained soils and full to part sun.

Height 0.2 - 1m

Width 0.2 - 0.8m

Habitat    

Flowers  



Bulbine Lily

Bulbine bulbosa

A perennial clumping lily species with star-shaped yellow flowers from October to December. Tolerant of drought, frost and seasonal inundation.

Prefers rich, well drained soils and full to part sun.

Height 0.2 - 1m

Width 0.2 - 0.8m

Habitat    

Flowers  



Common Everlasting

Crysocephalum apiculatum

A hardy, low maintenance plant with leafy foliage which helps suppress weeds and reduces the risk of fire spread. Yellow button-shaped flowers in spring and summer, providing food for caterpillars.

Prefers moist soil and full to part sun.

Height 0.3 - 0.4m

Width 0.8 - 1m

Habitat   

Flowers  



Soft Tussock Mat-rush

Lomandra densiflora

A perennial tussock grass which stays green and lush through summer. Helps in a fire by trapping embers and absorbing residual heat. Food source for native species.

Requires free draining soil. Prefers full to part sun.

Height 1 - 2m

Width 1 - 2m

Habitat    

Flowers  



Pale Fanflower

Scaevola albida

A low-growing, perennial groundcover. Small white flowers from October to January. Traps burning embers and sparks from oncoming fire, and helps control weeds.

Requires moderately moist, well drained soil and full sun.

Height 0 - 0.1m

Width 0.3 - 1m

Habitat 

Flowers    



Native Pigface

Carpobrotus rossii

A hardy spreading groundcover, with bright pink and purple flowers. Attracts bees, butterflies and other insects, and is resistant to fire due to its thick fleshy leaves.

Tolerates most soil types, drought and frost. Prefers full sun.

Height 0.2 - 0.4m

Width 1 - 3m

Habitat  

Flowers  

