

Constructing a Bird Garden

- a useful guide of what to plant where •
- for landscapers and avid gardeners •

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Introduction

*What a compliment to have a visit from a Crimson
Breasted Shrike!*

*What a joy to have a White-faced Duck nest at our
dam! What horror to watch a Coucal devouring a
baby dove!*

Bird watching is a fascinating hobby. It is amazing what one can see in one's garden provided that one has planned carefully so as to entice them.

In this booklet we have covered the plants required but it is important to remember that bird feeders also provide interest when plants are either too young to provide nectar or fruit or they are out of season. Remember to plant a few Aloes to provide nectar in the winter. Water is vital and a bird bath is a must. Some birds are fond of a sand bath so leave a little patch of open sand for them.

Use companion planting and organic principles in preference to poisons in the form of herbicides and pesticides which will inadvertently kill the birds. Rake the leaves back into garden beds, instead of taking them away to the compost heap and you will be rewarded with a visit from the Olive Thrush and Robins.

Enjoy the planning, preparing and planting, then sit back and watch the birds enjoying the fruits of your labour.

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PLANTS FOR THE SEED EATING BIRDS

The following grasses attract birds like, Bishops, Canaries, Doves, Finches, Guinea Fowl, Mannekins, Quelea, Sparrows, Swee, Waxbills, Whydahs, Weavers. Even a small townhouse garden will be visited by these birds if one provides a patch of wild grasses. These could be planted in pots and used to create a wild seclusion area dedicated to these birds.

Digitaria eriantha *Common Finger Grass*

Deciduous groundcover, (1.8m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, brownish flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals. Controls soil erosion, palatable.

Imperata cylindrical *Cottonwool Grass*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, for wetlands. Soil stabiliser, thatching, used for paper, fuel and rhizomes eaten.

Imperata cylindrica red baron *Japanese Blood Grass*

Deciduous groundcover, (30 x 45cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, wetland, attracts birds, green red foliage that turns red from mid Summer to mid Winter. Highly sought after ornamental grass.

Juncus effuses *Common Rush*

Evergreen shrub, (70 x 30cm), frost resistant, sun, brownish flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for water. It is used for sleeping and sitting mats.

Melinis repens *Natal Red Top*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), frost resistant, sun, pinkish, flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals. Widespread, common grass which is beautiful in flower and good nesting material for birds.

Panicum maximum *Guinea Grass*

Semi deciduous grass-like perennial, (75cm to 1m), fast growing, drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, wetlands, delicate flowering stems with creamy coloured seeds, attracts birds, clump forming grass. A must in a bird garden with ponds and grassland.

Setaria megaphylla *Broad-Leaved Bristle Grass*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands. Eaten by dogs and antelope.

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PLANTS THAT ATTRACT INSECTS

The Apalis, Coucal, Cuckoo, Hornbill, Neddicky, Oriole, Prinia, Robins, Shrikes, Starlings, Sunbirds, Sweet Thrushes, Warblers, Waxbills, and White-eyes all enjoy insects as a diet. Following is a list of insect attracting plants.

Insect attracting Trees

Acacia abyssinica *Nyanga Flat Top* SA Tree No. 187
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Has a flat crown with beautiful flaky bark.

Acacia ataxacantha *Flame Thorn* SA Tree No. 160
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for thorny barriers, containers. Beautiful red pods, wood is split into strips for baskets.

Acacia burkei *Black Monkey Thorn* SA Tree No. 161
Deciduous tree, (medium), sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for thorny barriers, aggressive roots. Said to attract lightning, gum is edible, medicinal, roots produce yellow dye, hard wood.

Acacia caffra *Common Hook Thorn* SA Tree No. 162
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, creamy-white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for thorny barriers, containers, bonsai, aggressive roots. A graceful tree with feathery foliage that gives the tree a weeping shape, used to make tobacco pipes, bark makes brown dye, medicinal and magical.

Acacia galpinii *Monkey Thorn* SA Tree No. 166

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, red/purple flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for thorny barriers, containers, aggressive roots. It has large, black, hooked thorns that make it an ideal addition to a security hedge, bark makes rope.

Acacia hebeclada *Candle Thorn* SA Tree No. 170

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for hedging/screening, aggressive roots. The bark is fissured and flaking.

Acacia karroo *Sweet Thorn* SA Tree No. 172

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, aggressive roots. Medicinal properties, bark used to tan leather red, firewood, gum eaten by bush babies, seeds are a coffee substitute. Ideal for small gardens.

Acacia mellifera *Black Thorn* SA Tree No. 176

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, white/pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, aggressive roots. Twigs are used as toothbrushes

Acacia natalitia *Coastal Sweet Thorn* SA Tree No. 172

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Excellent for game lodge, light shade, does not drop thorns.

Acacia nigrescens *Knob Wood* SA Tree No. 178

Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for thorny barriers, bonsai. Magical, fodder tree, used for fencing posts.

Acacia rehmannaiana *Silky Thorn* SA Tree No. 182

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for hedging/screening. Attractive grey-green, velvety leaves.

Acacia robusta *Splendid Acacia* SA Tree No. 183

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Bark used to make twine.

Acacia sieberiana var. woodii *Paperbark Thorn* SA Tree No. 187

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, aggressive roots. Flat crown, edible gum, medicinal, bark produces grey dye.

Acacia tortilis *Umbrella Thorn* SA Tree No. 188

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, aggressive roots. Medicinal bark, edible gum, firewood, grazed.

Acacia xanthophloea *Fever Tree* SA Tree No. 189

Deciduous tree, (medium), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for water, containers, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal bark, edible gum, timber for boxwood.

Adansonia digitata *Baobab* SA Tree No. 467

Deciduous tree, (large), drought resistant, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Fruit pulp makes refreshing drink high in Vitamin C, medicinal, leaves cooked as spinach.

Albizia adianthifolia *Flatcrown* SA Tree No. 148

Deciduous tree, (large), fast growing, sun, shade, white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Provincial tree of Natal, wood used for turning, poles for hut building, bark is medicinal.

Aloe barberae (bainesii) *Tree Aloe* SA Tree No. 28

Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Largest of all the Aloes, is an ideal form plant, semi-shade and makes a good container plant.

Antidesma venosum *Tassel Berry* SA Tree No. 318

Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Flaked roots in a bath eases aches and pains, edible fruit, medicinal.

Apodytes dimidiata *White Pear/Bird's-Eye* SA Tree No. 422

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Leaves boiled as spinach, poles for hut building, fish kraals and furniture. Ideal for small gardens.

Bauhinia galpinii *Pride of De Kaap* SA Tree No. 208.2

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun red/orange flowers in Summer attracts birds butterflies mammals, non-aggressive roots. Baskets, medicinal uses, lovely in flower.

Bauhinia tomentosa *Yellow Tree Bauhinia* SA Tree No. 208.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots.

Bolusanthus speciosus *Tree Wisteria* SA Tree No. 222
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, semi-shade, blue-violet flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Graceful tree, the name means beautiful, medicinal, excellent wood.

Brachylaena discolor *Wild Silver Oak* SA Tree No. 724
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Early settlers used the ash to make soap. Zulu diviners use stems and roots to communicate with their ancestors. Wood used for carving.

Buddleja auriculata *Weeping Sage* SA Tree No. 636.5
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Fragrant Winter flowering, graceful, plant near a pond. Leaves used as a tea. Ideal for small gardens.

Buddleja saligna *False Olive* SA Tree No. 636
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai non-aggressive roots. Most attractive for a small garden, medicinal, hard wood.

Burchellia bubalina *Wild Pomegranate* SA Tree No. 688
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, orange flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Roots used as a body wash and love charm, hard wood.

Calodendrum capense *Cape Chestnut* SA Tree No. 256
Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Magnificent terminal sprays of pink flowers. Magical.

Calpurnia aurea *Wild Laburnum* SA Tree No. 219
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Grown in Europe for hundreds of years, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Carissa bispinosa *Num-Num* SA Tree No. 640.1
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Roots used for toothache, edible fruit.

Carissa macrocarpa *Large Num-Num* SA Tree No. 640.3
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-mid-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Makes good jam, fruit is highly nutritious, fruit produces pink dye, very attractive.

Cassinopsis ilicifolia *Lemon Thorn* SA Tree No. 420
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Spiny, medicinal, edible.

Celtis africana *White Stinkwood* SA Tree No. 39
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive

roots. Wood used for furniture, unpleasant smell when first cut hence common name, magical.

Clausena anisata *Horsewood* SA Tree No. 265

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal and magical, leaves used to flavour curry.

Combretum erythrophyllum *River Bushwillow* SA Tree No. 536

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow/white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, non-aggressive roots. Yellow to red autumn colours, gum used as varnish and roots produce brown dye.

Cussonia paniculata *Highveld Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No. 563.1

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Thick stem and attractive, drooping grey leaves. The thick tuberous roots are peeled and eaten raw as an emergency food or as a source of water, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia spicata *Common Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No. 564

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, green/yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, aggressive roots. Decorative, lovely form plant with bright green leaves crowded at the tips of the branches. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia transvaalensis *Transvaal Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No.564.3

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, greenish-yellow flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds. Single stem and sparsely branched crown.

Dais cotinifolia *Pompon Tree* SA Tree No. 521

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, pink/mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Masses of very showy fragrant pink, pom-pom like flowers, bark woven and used for rope.

Diospyros lycioides var guerkei *Transvaal Bluebush*

SA Tree No. 605.2

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. One of the most widely distributed plants in South Africa, roots produce brown dye, medicinal.

Diospyros whyteana *Bladder-Nut* SA Tree No. 611

Evergreen tree, (small), semi-shade, white/yellow flowers in Winter, attracts birds, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Seeds good substitute for coffee, medicinal, hard wood.

Dodonaea angustifolia *Sand Olive* SA Tree No. 437

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Many medicinal uses, grows easily and prunes well.

Dombeya rotundifolia *Wild Pear* SA Tree No. 471

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Fire resistant, upright tree, bark for rope and flowers are a love potion, medicinal.

Dovyalis caffra *Kei Apple* SA Tree No. 507

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Fruit is

sour, but tasty and used for jelly and jam making, grown worldwide as a hedge. Ideal for small gardens.

Dracaena aletriformis *Large-Leaved Dragon Tree* SA Tree No. 30.9

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, yellow/white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. A lovely foliage plant, can be grown indoors.

Ehretia rigida *Puzzle Bush* SA Tree No. 657

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant lilac flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Branches used for bows and fishing baskets, strong wood, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit.

Erythrina humeana *Dwarf Coral Tree* SA Tree No. 243.1

Deciduous tree, (small), red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers, non-aggressive roots. An attractive and sought-after garden plant, bark and root used medicinally.

Erythrina lysistemon *Common Coral Tree* SA Tree No. 245

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Winter-Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, aggressive roots. The bark is medicinal, traditionally planted after birth of a son, lucky beans.

Erythrophysa transvaalensis *Transvaal Red Balloon*

SA Tree No. 436.2

Deciduous tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Spring, attracts birds. Highveld specie, seeds used as beads.

Faidherbia albida (Acacia albida) *Ana Boom* SA Tree No. 159

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in December, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, aggressive roots. Bark strips are used as dental floss, medicinal and fish poison. Edible gum and fruit.

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Ficus ingens *Red-Leaved Rock Fig* SA Tree No. 55

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, stunning Autumn foliage.

Ficus lutea *Giant-Leaved Fig* SA Tree No. 61

Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, attracts birds. Lutea refers to the yellow fruit.

Ficus sur *Broom Cluster Fig* SA Tree No. 50

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, attracts birds, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Fast growing if well watered.

Gardenia thunbergia *Starry Gardenia* SA Tree No. 692

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers. Starry gardenia requires acid soil, wood for tools, medicinal.

Grewia occidentalis *Cross-Berry* SA Tree No. 463

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Garden must. Edible fruit. Used to make beer. Bark - shampoo prevents grey hair, magical and medicinal.

Halleria elliptica *Wild Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for bonsai. Neat garden subject.

Halleria lucida *Tree Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670.2

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. Ideal for small gardens.

Heteromorpha trifoliata *Parsley Tree* SA Tree No. 568
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Roots and leaves used in traditional medicine.

Heteropyxis natalensis *Lavender Tree* SA Tree No. 455
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, white/creamy flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal, leaves as a mouthwash, lovely Autumn foliage.

Kigelia africana *Sausage Tree* SA Tree No. 678
Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, fragrant red flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Medicinal and magical, street tree in Africa and Australia, stunning in flower.

Leucosidea sericea *Ouhout* SA Tree No. 145
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Lovely in a townhouse garden. Ideal for small gardens.

Mackaya bella *Forest Bell Bush* SA Tree No. 681.1
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Glossy dark green leaves, occurs along streams, wood used to make fire by friction.

Mundulea sericea *Cork Bush* SA Tree No. 226
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, mauve/purple flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Twigs used as toothbrushes. Beautiful bark is used as an insecticide and fish poison, leaves used to bleach hair. Medicinal.

Myrsine africana *Cape Myrtle* SA Tree No. 577.1

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. It enjoys cold and temperate areas with moderate rainfall.

Nuxia floribunda *Forest Elder* SA Tree No. 634

Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Good near pools, plant near a patio.

Ochna serrulata *Mickey Mouse Bush* SA Tree No. 479.1

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Decorative small tree, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Olea europaea subsp. africana *Wild Olive* SA Tree No. 617

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, white/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, protected in South Africa, medicinal, fine wood for turning.

Pappea capensis *Jacket-Plum* SA Tree No. 433

Deciduous tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, pale green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Good for baldness and ringworm, fruit for jam, seeds for oil, also used to make soap.

Peltophorum africanum *Weeping Wattle* SA Tree No. 215

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Roots and bark used medicinally, wood utilised.

Phoenix reclinata *Wild Date Palm* SA Tree No. 22

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, fruit edible and highly nutritious, leaves for baskets and mats, sap trapped for wine making.

Pittosporum viridiflorum *Cheesewood* SA Tree No. 139

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream/yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Bark is medicinal and an aphrodisiac, lovely garden tree.

Podocarpus falcatus *Natal Outeniqua Yellow Wood*

SA Tree No. 16

Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers, non-aggressive roots. In 1976 made SA National Tree, need a permit to cut down, Christmas tree, it has the smallest leaves but grows to be the tallest.

Podocarpus henkelii *Henkel's Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 17

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Has long hanging leaves and is the most popular Yellowwood.

Podocarpus latifolius *Real Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 18

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, greenish flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Edible fruit, host to epiphytic orchids, beautiful wood for furniture.

Polygala myrtifolia *September Bush* SA Tree No. 302.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, pink flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Pretty in flower.

Prunus africana *Red Stinkwood*

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Attractive for large gardens. International medicinal value – France and Italy.

Rhamnus prinoides *Dogwood* SA Tree No. 452

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, glossy leaves, medicinal, leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightening.

Rhus chirindensis *Red Currant* SA Tree No. 380

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Beautiful Autumn foliage, edible fruit, medicinal, wood for furniture.

Rhus crenata *Dune Crow-Berry* SA Tree No. 380.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for hedging/screening.

Rhus dentatea *Nana-Berry* SA Tree No. 381

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, fragrant yellow/green flowers in Spring, attracts birds, non-aggressive roots. Edible fruit.

Rhus lancea *Karee* SA Tree No. 386

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Northern Cape & Jacobsdal District in Free State, fruit edible and used to make mead. Leaves produce brown dye.

Rhus leptodictya *Mountain Karee* SA Tree No. 387

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Good shade and street tree.

Rhus pendulina *White Karee* SA Tree No. 396

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, popular street tree, has edible fruit.

Rhus pentheri *Crowberry* SA Tree No. 391

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Useful tree on a game farm. Edible fruit.

Rhus pyroides *Fire Thorn* SA Tree No. 392

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Useful Highveld specie for a game farm.

Rothmannia globosa *Bell Gardenia* SA Tree No. 695

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, creamy white flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers. Glossy dark green leaves, plant alongside a pond, hard wood.

Schotia brachypetala *Weeping Boerbean* SA Tree No. 202

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Bark used to make sangoma's red dye, to ward off evil, strikingly beautiful in flower. Seeds roasted and eaten.

Spirostachys africana *Tamboti* SA Tree No. 341

Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, toxic fumes from the wood used in a fire causes severe illness, milky latex is poisonous, wood for furniture.

Strelitzia nicolai *Natal Wild Banana* SA Tree No. 34

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, purple/blue and cream flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, aggressive roots. Used for rope, seeds are ground into flour and made into patties which are roasted. Do not plant near walls.

Syzygium cordatum *Water Berry* SA Tree No. 555

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Beautiful red/brown wood, many medicinal uses, bark produces orange dye and the fruits a purple dye.

Trema orientalis *Pigeonwood* SA Tree No. 42

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Numerous medicinal uses. Leaves eaten as spinach.

Vangueria infausta *Wild Medlar* SA Tree No. 702

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Fruit is used to distil brandy and is edible, roots medicinal, considered unlucky so the wood is not used.

Vepris lanceolata *White Ironwood* SA Tree No. 261

Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Porcupines eat the bark, medicinal, timber.

Zanthoxylum capense *Small Knobwood* SA Tree No. 253

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Free State, seeds used to make perfume, bark used for toothbrushes.

Ziziphus mucronata *Buffalo Thorn* SA Tree No. 447

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Free State, important medicinal and magical tree, edible fruit.

Insect attracting Shrubs

Aloe arborescens *Krantz Aloe* SA Tree No. 28.1

Evergreen shrub, (2m x 2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for thorny barriers, containers. Leaf sap for burns, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Aloe ferox *Bitter Aloe*

Evergreen shrub, (3m x 1m), fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Single-stemmed, beautiful orange-red flowers. Healing sap. Exported for medicine trade.

Aloe globuligemma *Knoppiesalwyn*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, red-white flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers. Beautiful bluish leaves and striking flowers.

Aloe marlothii *Mountain Aloe* SA Tree No. 29.5

Evergreen shrub, (3m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Striking single stem, roots produce dye, children suck nectar from the flowers.

Aloe speciosa *Tilt-Head or Spanish Aloe*

Evergreen shrub, (3m), drought resistant, sun, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for containers. Leaves produce pink dye, stunning in flower.

Aloe thraskii *Dune Aloe*

Evergreen shrub, (2m - 4m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds. Beautiful, single-stemmed.

Anisodonteia classic cerise *Pink Mallow*

Evergreen shrub, (1.8 x 1.8m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies. Survives normal winter drought. Lovely in a garden.

Barleria obtusa *Bush Violet*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers. Cut back after flowering.

Chrysanthemoides monilifera *Bush Tick Berry*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 2.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Fruits are eaten by children, medicinal uses.

Clematis bractiata *Traveller's Joy*

Deciduous shrub, (2m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Lovely climber, pretty in flower and seed. Medicinal and a good luck charm.

Coleonema album *White Confetti Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 0,75m), frost resistant, sun, white flowers in Winter-Spring, attracts birds. Wind resistant, medicinal.

Coleonema pulchellum *Dark Pink Confetti Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1.5m x 1.5), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Winter-Spring, attracts birds, for hedging/screening. Wind resistant, suitable for Coastal gardens.

Erythrina zeheri *Ploughbreaker*

Deciduous shrub, (60cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Good luck charm for barren women, seeds used for necklaces.

Euryops pectinatus *Golden Daisy Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Winter –Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Low maintenance, cheerful addition to a bird garden.

Felicia erigeroides *Wild Michaelmas Daisy*

Evergreen shrub, (0.3 x 0.5), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers all year, attracts birds, for containers. Attracts nectar feeding insects.

Hibiscus calyphyllus *Sun Hibiscus*

Evergreen shrub, (1.5m x 1.5m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Focal point in a small garden, or mass plant in a large area.

Hypoestes aristata *Ribbon Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1.5 x 1), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white/mauve flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies. Flowers profusely when nothing else is in flower. Undemanding, prune back at the end of Winter.

Jasminum multipartitum *Starry Wild Jasmine*

Deciduous shrub, (2m x 2m), sun, fragrant white/pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Plant on a trellis at the patio.

Leonotis leonurus *Wild Dagga*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 1.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies. Medicinal plant, a must for a bird garden, cut back after Winter.

Melianthus major *Giant Honey Flower*

Evergreen shrub, (2.5 x 3.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Lush looking blue green leaves, very dramatic in flower, medicinal uses.

Orthosiphon labiatus *Pink Sage*

Evergreen shrub, (1.5 x 1.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Stunning in flower. Mass plant for effect.

Phygelius aequalis *River Bells*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond.

Phygelius capensis *Cape Fuchsia*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 0.5), frost resistant, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond.

Plectranthus fruticosus *Forest Spurflower*

Evergreen shrub, (1.25 x 0.5m), drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, pink/purple flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for water, containers. Rub the stems on a windowsill to repel flies, showy if mass planted.

Plectranthus fruticosus-james *Pink Fly Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 0.5), drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, pink flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant under trees, cut back after flowering.

Plectranthus mona lavender

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, for containers. Very attractive.

Plumbago auriculata *Cape Leadwort*

Evergreen shrub, (medium), fast growing, frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Roots and leaves for headache, prunes well, favourite.

Plumbago auriculata alba

Evergreen shrub, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Roots and leaves for headache, prunes well, favourite.

Psychotria capensis *Black Birdberry* SA Tree No. 723

Evergreen shrub, (small), sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Wood utilised as timber, traditional medicine. Ideal for small gardens.

Rhoicissus digitata *Baboon Grape*

Deciduous shrub, (3m x 1.5m), sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Cover a trellis or use in a hanging basket. Has 3 to 5 long leaves resembling fingers.

Rhoicissus tridentata *Bushman's Grape*

Deciduous shrub, (3m x 1.5m), sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Cover a trellis or use in a hanging basket.

Salvia africana lutea *Brown Salvia*

Evergreen shrub, (1.8m x 1.8m), drought resistant, sun, yellow, orange, brown flowers in Spring, attracts birds. Pretty grey foliage, suitable for a coastal garden.

Salvia chamelaeagnea *Blue Salvia*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), sun, semi-shade, pale blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Mass plant for effect.

Strelitzia reginae *Crane Flower*

Evergreen shrub, (1.2m x 1.2m), sun, semi-shade, orange and blue flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. This shrub is one of South Africa's most successful exports!

Tecoma capensis *Cape Honeysuckle*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 3m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring and Summer, attracts birds, butterflies and insects, for hedging/screening, containers. Beautiful bright green foliage, edible fruit. A must for a bird garden. Prune back in Winter. Medicinal uses.

Thunbergia alata *Black-Eyed Susan*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers all year, attracts birds, for containers. Popular throughout the world.

Watsonia pillansii *Watsonia*

Evergreen shrub, (1.2m x 20cm), sun, pale orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Popular cut flower, tall spikes.

Insect attracting Groundcovers

Aloe aculeata *Prickly Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), sun, yellow/orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Produces 1m rosette of leaves.

Aloe affinis *Common or Graskop Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (20 x 40cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, coral red flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Natural habitat destroyed by pine forests.

Aloe cooperi *Cooper's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 1.2m), frost resistant, sun, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Grassland specie, beautiful in the garden.

Aloe cryptopoda (wikensii) *Coral Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), sun red flowers in Winter attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Popular garden plant.

Aloe dyeri *Shade or Dyer's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Thrives in shade with tall red inflorescence.

Aloe fosteri *Foster's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), sun, yellow/orange flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, for containers. Beautiful show if mass planted.

Aloe greatheadii (A.dayvana) *Aloe Davyana*

Evergreen groundcover, (20 x 40cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, for containers. Leaf sap used to heal burns, beautiful mass planted.

Aloe mudenensis *Muden's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (50cm x 50cm), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow-red flowers in Winter, attracts birds. Occurs in Northern Natal.

Aloe striata *Coral Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, deep coral flowers in Winter, attracts birds, for containers. Distinctive coral coloured stripe down the edges of the leaves.

Aloe variegata *Kanniedood*

Evergreen groundcover, (25cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, light to dark coral pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for containers. Used medicinally for curing sores on fingers. According to old superstitions, if someone transplanted one of these aloes and it dies, that person will die too. Porcupines dig them out of the ground in great numbers.

Aloe verecunda *Modest Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (25cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Highveld specie occurring in grasslands.

Aloe zebrine

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, sun, pink/dull red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Medicinal uses, roots used as yellow dye to colour baskets.

Aptenia cordifolia *Brakvygie*

Evergreen groundcover, (15 x 60cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Medicinal, vigorous, fast-spreading, prevents soil erosion.

Arctotheca calendula *Cape Weed*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.1 x 0.4), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies. Yellow daisies all year, hardy groundcover, prevents soil erosion, lawn substitute.

Aristea ecklonii *Blue Stars*

Evergreen groundcover, (50 x 25cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Mass plant in semi shade for a dramatic effect, medicinal.

Aristea major *Tall Aristea*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.5m x 1m), blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for water. Handsome structural plant.

Asparagus densiflorus mazeppa *Foxtail Fern*

Evergreen groundcover, (25 x 60cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Lovely mass planted or in hanging baskets, flower arrangements.

Asparagus densiflorus-sprengerii *Basket Asparagus*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.3 x 0.1), fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Bright green groundcover, good for hanging baskets.

Asparagus falcatus *Sickle Thorn*

Evergreen groundcover, (2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, for containers. Thrives in dry shade.

Asparagus virgatus *Broom Asparagus*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), drought resistant, fast growing, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for thorny barriers, containers. Does well under trees, foliage for the vase.

Asystasia gangetica *Creeping Foxglove*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.3 x 0.6), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Spreads rapidly, mass plant, leaves used for spinach.

Bulbine frutescens *Stalked Bulbine*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.3 x 0.4), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies. Leaf gel has excellent healing properties for relieving stings, burns, rashes and cold sores. Popular with landscapers. Eaten as a relish.

Carpobrotus edulis *Sour Fig*

Evergreen groundcover, (15cm x 90cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, non-aggressive roots. Fruits are eaten raw, processed into jam or used in oriental cooking, leaves are medicinal.

Cineraria saxifraga *Wild Cineraria*

Evergreen groundcover, (15 x 40cm), sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring-Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies. Soft herb, sun, well drained soil. Good to cover banks.

Clivia miniata *Bush Lily*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.75 x 0.75), shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for containers. Medicinal value.

Crassula multicava *Fairy Crassula*

Evergreen groundcover, (20 x 30cm), sun, shade, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds butterflies. Lovely mass planted under trees.

Crinum bulbispermum *Orange River Lily*

Deciduous groundcover, (1 x 1), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Sweetly scented, dramatic in flower, medicinal, water garden.

Crinum macowanii *River Lily*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m - 1.2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink/white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Bulb is used medicinally, scented flower, delicate pink, water garden.

Crinum moorei *Moore's Crinum*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, water. Bulb is used medicinally, scented flower, delicate pink, water garden.

Crocasmia aurea *Falling Stars*

Deciduous groundcover, (1 x 0.3), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, containers. Medicinal, stunning in flower, cut flower.

Diascia integerrima *Twinspur*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.3 x 0.4), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink and white flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Showy groundcover, in shades of white, pink. Good to interplant with Watsonias. Used as a pot herb.

Dierama medium *Medium Harebell*

Deciduous groundcover, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, sun, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for wetlands. Burning in winter promotes flowering.

Dierama pendulum *Harebell*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, fast growing, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, water. Attractive planted near a pond.

Dietes bicolor *Yellow Wild Iris*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Clump-forming, graceful plant. Prefers a well-watered position.

Dietes grandiflora *Large Wild Iris*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Clump-forming, blooms when it rains.

Dymondia margaretae *Silver Carpet*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.1 x 0.3), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds. Flat growing suitable for between pavers.

Eucomis autumnalis *Pineapple Flower*

Deciduous groundcover, (0.75x 0.75), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Many medicinal uses, lovely flower for the vase.

Felicia amelloides *Blue Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Felicia amelloides alba *White Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, semi-shade, white flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Felicia amelloides variegata *Variegated Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Geranium incanum *Lace Leaf Geranium*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.3 x 0.3), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Medicinal value.

Gerbera jamesonii *Barbeton Daisy*

Evergreen groundcover, (40cm), semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Much loved and famous through out the world.

Gloriosa superba *Flame Lily*

Deciduous groundcover, (1.5m x 1m), fast growing, semi-shade, yellow and orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Climbs up shrubs, pretty in flower, medicinal. Poisonous seeds.

Kniphofia praecox *Red-Hot Poker*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.5 x 1.5m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, orange/yellow flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, water, containers. Stunning in flower, plant next to a pond or dam.

Osteospermum ecklonis (now Dimorphotheca ecklonis)

Blue-and-White Daisy Bush

Evergreen groundcover, (0.75 x 1.5m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Osteospermum jucundum *Trailing Mauve Daisy*

Evergreen groundcover, (20 x 60cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink/purple flowers in Autumn-Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Pretty cascading over rocks.

Othonna carnosa *Othonna*

Evergreen groundcover, (10cm x 60cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies and insects, for containers. Spreads rapidly, often used by landscapers to cover banks and excellent for mass planting with Aloes.

Plectranthus aliciae (was P.madagascariensis)

Variegated Plectranthus

Evergreen groundcover, (0.15 x 0.4), drought resistant, fast growing, shade semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Cheerful spreading ground cover, hanging baskets or indoor plant.

Plectranthus ciliatus *Speckled Spur-Flower*

Evergreen groundcover, (40cm), fast growing, semi-shade, white flowers with purplish dots flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Formerly used to wash sheepskin garments.

Plectranthus ecklonii *Large Spurflower Bush*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.5 x 1.5), drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, white, blue or mauve flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Lovely if mass planted at the back of a bed, traditional medicine.

Plectranthus neochilus *Lobster Flower*

Evergreen groundcover, (50cm), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, deep blue and purple flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Purify the air of pollution.

Plectranthus oertendali *Silver-Leaved Spur-Flower*

Evergreen groundcover, (20cm), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. A most attractive plant for mass planting and in hanging baskets.

Plectranthus saccatus *Stoep Jacaranda*

Evergreen groundcover, (80 x 80cm), drought resistant, fast growing, semi-shade, blue flowers in mid-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect, plant indoors where it will receive afternoon sunlight.

Plectranthus verticillatus *Gossip Money Plant*

Evergreen groundcover, (20cm x 50cm), fast growing, semi-shade, white flower in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant in moist shade for effect.

Plectranthus zuluensis *Zulu Spur-Flower*

Evergreen groundcover, (2m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers all year, attracts birds, for containers. Very pretty blue, lovely in pots in the shade.

Scabiosa africana *Pincushion*

Evergreen groundcover, (30 x 30cm), sun, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Spring and Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for water. Low bushing delicate foliage, good groundcover.

Scilla natalensis (now Mervillia plumbea) *Blue Squill*

Deciduous groundcover, (50 x 20cm), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, misty blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Medicinal value.

Senecio macroglossus *Flowering Ivy*

Evergreen groundcover, (3m x 1.5m), fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Grown in Europe since 1875, lovely climber.

Stachys aethiopica *Wild Sage*

Evergreen groundcover, (30 x 50cm), fast growing, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies. Medicinal, visited by bees, aromatic leaves.

Tulbaghia fragrans *Fragrant Wild Garlic*

Deciduous groundcover, (0.4 x 0.2), frost resistant, fast growing, semi-shade, fragrant mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. It does not smell of garlic and is scented.

Tulbaghia violacea *Wild Garlic*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.4 x 0.2), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Snake repellent and many traditional uses. Leaves eaten as a relish or a pot herb.

Tulbaghia violacea 'silver lace' *Variiegated Tulbaghia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.4 x 0.2), frost resistant, sun, mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Snake repellent and many traditional uses. Interesting variegated leaves.

Veltheimia bracteata *Bush Lily*

Deciduous groundcover, (0.4 x 0.4), shade, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Flowers last for a month.

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Constructing a Bird Garden

PLANTS WITH EDIBLE FRUIT, BERRIES AND SEEDS

The Barbets, Bulbuls, Hornbills, Loeries, Mousebirds, Oriole, Starlings, Thrushes, Weavers and White-eyes enjoy the fruit of the following plants:

Edible Berries on Trees

Acokanthera oppositifolia *Bushman's Poison* SA Tree No. 639

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Contains poisonous milky latex and poisonous berries. Used medicinally. Ideal for small gardens.

Apodytes dimidiata *White Pear/Bird's-Eye* SA Tree No. 422

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Leaves boiled as spinach, poles for hut building, fish kraals and furniture. Ideal for small gardens.

Berchemia zeheri *Red Ivory* SA Tree No. 450

Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, fragrant yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Browsed by game, bark eaten by porcupine, edible berries, medicinal, strong muti against evil spirits.

Buddleja auriculata *Weeping Sage* SA Tree No. 636.5
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Fragrant Winter flowering, graceful, plant near a pond. Leaves used as a tea. Ideal for small gardens.

Calodendrum capense *Cape Chestnut* SA Tree No. 256
Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, semi-shade, pink flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Magnificent terminal sprays of pink flowers in early summer, magical.

Carissa bispinosa *Num-Num* SA Tree No. 640.1
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Roots used for toothache, edible fruit.

Carissa macrocarpa *Large Num-Num* SA Tree No. 640.3
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-mid-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Makes good jam, fruit is highly nutritious, fruit produces pink dye, very attractive.

Cassine aethiopica *Kooboo-Berry* SA Tree No. 410
Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, fragrant yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals. Edible fruit, brown dye from the bark, medicinal, hard wood for household items.

Cassinopsis ilicifolia *Lemon Thorn* SA Tree No. 420
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Spiny, medicinal, edible.

Celtis africana *White Stinkwood* SA Tree No. 39

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Wood used for furniture, unpleasant smell when first cut hence common name, magical.

Clausena anisata *Horsewood* SA Tree No. 265

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal and magical, leaves used to flavour curry.

Clerodendrum glabrum *White Cats Whiskers* SA Tree No. 667

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Leaves are rubbed onto hands and face to repel bees when collecting honey, poles for hut building, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Coddia rudis *Small Bone-Apple* SA Tree No. 689.1

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers. Edible fruit, ornamental and very pretty in flower. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia paniculata *Highveld Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No. 563.1

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive, roots. Thick stem and attractive, drooping grey leaves. The thick tuberous roots are peeled and eaten raw as an emergency food or as a source of water, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia spicata *Common Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No. 564
Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, green/yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, aggressive roots. Decorative, lovely form plant with bright green leaves crowded at the tips of the branches. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia transvaalensis *Transvaal Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No.564.3
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, greenish-yellow flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds. Single stem and sparsely branched crown.

Diospyros lycioides var guerkei *Transvaal Bluebush*
SA Tree No. 605.2
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. One of the most widely distributed plants in South Africa, roots produce brown dye, medicinal.

Diospyros whyteana *Bladder-Nut* SA Tree No. 611
Evergreen tree, (small), semi-shade, white/yellow flowers in Winter, attracts birds, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Seeds good substitute for coffee, medicinal, hard wood.

Dovyalis caffra *Kei Apple* SA Tree No. 507
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Fruit is sour, but tasty and used for jelly and jam making, grown worldwide as a hedge. Ideal for small gardens.

Dovyalis zeyheri *Wild Apricot* SA Tree No. 511
Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, greenish/yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Good for pools/paving. Edible fruit.

Dracaena alectrifomis *Large-Leaved Dragon Tree* SA Tree No. 30.9
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, yellow/white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. A lovely foliage plant, can be grown indoors.

Ehretia rigida *Puzzle Bush* SA Tree No. 657
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant lilac flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Branches used for bows and fishing baskets, strong wood, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit.

Ekebergia capensis *Cape Ash* SA Tree No. 298
Evergreen tree, (medium), fast growing, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds. Wood for furniture, medicinal and magical plant.

Euclea crispa *Blue Guarri* SA Tree No. 594
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Slow growing, roots for brown dye, medicinal.

Euphorbia ingens *Common Tree Euphorbia* SA Tree No. 351
Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, greenish flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers. Sap in very poisonous, medicinal, striking structural plant.

Ficus lutea *Giant-Leaved Fig* SA Tree No. 61
Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, attracts birds. Lutea refers to the yellow fruit.

Ficus sur *Broom Cluster Fig* SA Tree No. 50
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, attracts birds, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Fast growing if well watered.

Grewia occidentalis *Cross-Berry* SA Tree No. 463

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Garden must. Edible fruit. Used to make beer. Bark - shampoo prevents grey hair, magical and medicinal.

Halleria lucida *Tree Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670.2

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. Ideal for small gardens.

Harpephyllum caffrum *Wild Plum* SA Tree No. 361

Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Edible fruits used for jam and jelly, bark is medicinal and produces pink dye, timber for furniture.

Ilex mitis *Cape Holly* SA Tree No. 397

Evergreen tree, (medium), fast growing, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for wetlands non-aggressive roots. Good street tree or on a lawn, leaves produce a lather, medicinal, wood for furniture.

Kiggelaria africana *Wild Peach* SA Tree No. 494

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Street tree with attractive fruit, wood for furniture, medicinal. Attracts the Garden Acraea butterfly.

Mimusops zeyheri *Transvaal Red Milkwood* SA Tree No. 585
Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, fragrant cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near pools.

Myrsine africana *Cape Myrtle* SA Tree No. 577.1
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. It enjoys cold and temperate areas with moderate rainfall.

Ochna serrulata *Mickey Mouse Bush* SA Tree No. 479.1
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Decorative small tree, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Olea europaea subsp. africana *Wild Olive* SA Tree No. 617
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, white/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, protected in South Africa, medicinal, fine wood for turning.

Pappea capensis *Jacket-Plum* SA Tree No. 433
Deciduous tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, pale green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Good for baldness and ringworm, fruit for jam, seeds for oil, also used to make soap.

Phoenix reclinata *Wild Date Palm* SA Tree No. 22
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, fruit edible and highly nutritious, leaves for baskets and mats, sap trapped for wine making.

Phyllanthus reticulatus *Potato Bush* SA Tree No. 311
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Strong smell of potatoes in Spring, medicinal value, fruit produces black dye.

Pittosporum viridiflorum *Cheesewood* SA Tree No. 139
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream/yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Bark is medicinal and an aphrodisiac, lovely garden tree.

Podocarpus falcatus *Natal Outeniqua Yellow Wood* SA Tree No. 16
Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers, non-aggressive roots. In 1976 made SA National Tree, need a permit to cut down, Christmas tree, it has the smallest leaves but grows to be the tallest.

Podocarpus henkelii *Henkel's Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 17
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Has long hanging leaves and is the most popular Yellowwood.

Podocarpus latifolius *Real Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 18
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, greenish flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Edible fruit, host to epiphytic orchids, beautiful wood for furniture.

Rhamnus prinoides *Dogwood* SA Tree No. 452
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, glossy leaves, medicinal, leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightening.

Rhus chirindensis *Red Currant* SA Tree No. 380

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Beautiful Autumn foliage, edible fruit, medicinal, wood for furniture.

Rhus crenata *Dune Crow-Berry* SA Tree No. 380.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for hedging/screening.

Rhus dentatea *Nana-Berry* SA Tree No. 381

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, fragrant yellow/green flowers in Spring, attracts birds, non-aggressive roots. Edible fruit.

Rhus lancea *Karee* SA Tree No. 386

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Northern Cape & Jacobsdal District in Free State, fruit edible and used to make mead. Leaves produce brown dye.

Rhus leptodictya *Mountain Karee* SA Tree No. 387

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Good shade and street tree.

Rhus pendulina *White Karee* SA Tree No. 396

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, popular street tree, has edible fruit.

Rhus pentheri *Crowberry* SA Tree No. 391

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Useful tree on a game farm. Edible fruit.

Rhus pyroides *Fire Thorn* SA Tree No. 392

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Useful Highveld specie for a game farm.

Schotia brachypetala *Weeping Boerbean* SA Tree No. 202

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Bark used to make sangoma's red dye, to ward off evil, strikingly beautiful in flower. Seeds roasted and eaten.

Sclerocarya birrea *Marula* SA Tree No. 360

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Fruit eaten and used for wine making, seed for producing oil for cooking, moisturiser, baby oil, bark produces a pink-red dye, timber.

Scutia myrtina *Cat-Thorn* SA Tree No. 451

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Browsed by game, edible fruit, leaves used medicinally.

Spirostachys africana *Tamboti* SA Tree No. 341

Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, toxic fumes from the wood used in a fire causes severe illness, milky latex is poisonous, wood for furniture.

Syzygium cordatum *Water Berry* SA Tree No. 555

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Beautiful red/brown wood, many medicinal uses, bark produces orange dye and the fruits a purple dye.

Trema orientalis *Pigeonwood* SA Tree No. 42

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Numerous medicinal uses. Leaves eaten as spinach.

Vangueria infausta *Wild Medlar* SA Tree No. 702

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Fruit is used to distil brandy and is edible, roots medicinal, considered unlucky so the wood is not used.

Vepris lanceolata *White Ironwood* SA Tree No. 261

Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Porcupines eat the bark, medicinal, timber.

Ziziphus mucronata *Buffalo Thorn* SA Tree No. 447

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies,

mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Free State, important medicinal and magical tree, edible fruit.

Edible Berries on Shrubs

Chrysanthemoides monilifera *Bush Tick Berry*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 2.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Fruits are eaten by children, medicinal uses.

Cyphostemma lanigerum *Wildedruif*

Deciduous shrub, (2m), frost resistant, drought resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds. Highveld special, pretty in fruit.

Phygelius aequalis *River Bells*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond.

Phygelius capensis *Cape Fuchsia*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 0.5), frost resistant, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond.

Rhoicissus digitata *Baboon Grape*

Deciduous shrub, (3m x 1.5m), sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Cover a trellis or use in a hanging basket. Has 3 to 5 long leaves resembling fingers.

Rhoicissus tridentata *Bushman's Grape*

Deciduous shrub, (3m x 1.5m), sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Cover a trellis or use in a hanging basket.

Constructing a Bird Garden

Edible Berries on Groundcovers

Aptenia cordifolia *Brakvygie*

Evergreen groundcover, (15 x 60cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Medicinal, vigorous, fast-spreading, prevents soil erosion.

Asparagus densiflorus mazeppa *Foxtail Fern*

Evergreen groundcover, (25 x 60cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Lovely mass planted or in hanging baskets, flower arrangements.

Asparagus densiflorus-sprengerii *Basket Asparagus*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.3 x 0.1), fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Bright green groundcover, good for hanging baskets.

Asparagus falcatus *Sickle Thorn*

Evergreen groundcover, (2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, for containers. Thrives in dry shade.

Carissa green carpet *Small Num-Num*

Evergreen groundcover, (30 x 30cm), semi-shade, fragrant white flowers all year, attracts birds, for thorny barriers, containers. Favourite of landscapers for mass planting.

Clivia miniata *Bush Lily*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.75 x 0.75), shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for containers. Medicinal value.

Scadoxus multiflorus subsp. katharinae *Katherine Wheel*

Deciduous groundcover, (50 x 30cm), semi-shade, dark pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Used to make love charms.

Zantedeschia aethiopica *White Arum Lily*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.5 x 1), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, water, containers. Medicinal value, tuber eaten, leaves produce a yellow dye. Used as a cooking vegetable.

Zantedeschia rehmanni *Pink Arum*

Deciduous groundcover, (45 x 20cm), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, containers. Grassland specie, flowers last well in the vase.

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PLANTS FOR THE NECTAR LOVERS

The following trees attract birds like Bulbuls, Oriole, Sunbirds, Loeries, Weavers and White-eyes.

Nectar producing Trees

Adansonia digitata *Baobab* SA Tree No. 467

Deciduous tree, (large), drought resistant, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Fruit pulp makes refreshing drink high in Vitamin C, medicinal, leaves cooked as spinach.

Albizia adianthifolia *Flatcrown* SA Tree No. 148

Deciduous tree, (large), fast growing, sun, shade, white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Provincial tree of Natal, wood used for turning, poles for hut building, bark is medicinal.

Aloe barberae (bainesii) *Tree Aloe* SA Tree No. 28

Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Largest of all the Aloes, is an ideal form plant, semi-shade and makes a good container plant.

Bauhinia galpinii *Pride of De Kaap* SA Tree No. 208.2

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, red/orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Baskets, medicinal uses, lovely in flower.

Bauhinia tomentosa *Yellow Tree Bauhinia* SA Tree No. 208.1
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots.

Buddleja auriculata *Weeping Sage* SA Tree No. 636.5
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Fragrant Winter flowering, graceful, plant near a pond. Leaves used as a tea. Ideal for small gardens.

Ficus ingens *Red-Leaved Rock Fig* SA Tree No. 55
Deciduous tree, (large), sun, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, stunning Autumn foliage.

Halleria lucida *Tree Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670.2
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. Ideal for small gardens.

Schotia brachypetala *Weeping Boerbean* SA Tree No. 202
Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Bark used to make sangoma's red dye, to ward off evil, strikingly beautiful in flower. Seeds roasted and eaten.

Strelitzia nicolai *Natal Wild Banana* SA Tree No. 34
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, purple/blue and cream flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, aggressive roots. Used for rope, seeds are ground into flour and made into patties which are roasted. Do not plant near walls.

Syzygium cordatum *Water Berry* SA Tree No. 555
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Beautiful red/brown wood, many medicinal uses, bark produces orange dye and the fruits a purple dye.

Ziziphus mucronata *Buffalo Thorn* SA Tree No. 447
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Free State, important medicinal and magical tree, edible fruit.

Nectar producing Shrubs

Aloe arborescens *Krantz Aloe* SA Tree No. 28.1
Evergreen shrub, (2m x 2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for thorny barriers, containers. Leaf sap for burns, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Aloe ferox *Bitter Aloe*
Evergreen shrub, (3m x 1m), fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Single-stemmed. Beautiful orange-red flowers. Healing sap. Exported for medicine trade.

Aloe globuligemma *Knoppiesalwyn*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, red-white flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers. Beautiful bluish leaves and striking flowers.

Aloe marlothii *Mountain Aloe* SA Tree No. 29.5

Evergreen shrub, (3m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Striking single stem, roots produce dye, children suck nectar from the flowers.

Aloe speciosa *Tilt-Head or Spanish Aloe*

Evergreen shrub, (3m), drought resistant, sun, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for containers. Leaves produce pink dye, stunning in flower.

Aloe thraskii *Dune Aloe*

Evergreen shrub, (2m - 4m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds. Beautiful, single-stemmed.

Jasminum multipartitum *Starry Wild Jasmine*

Deciduous shrub, (2m x 2m), sun, fragrant white/pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Plant on a trellis at the patio.

Leonotis dubia *Forest Leonotis*

Deciduous shrub, (2m x 1.5m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies. Medicinal value.

Leonotis leonurus *Wild Dagga*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 1.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Autumn, attracts birds,

butterflies. Medicinal plant, a must for a bird garden, cut back after Winter.

Phygelius aequalis *River Bells*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond.

Phygelius capensis *Cape Fuchsia*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 0.5), frost resistant, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond.

Salvia africana lutea *Brown Salvia*

Evergreen shrub, (1.8m x 1.8m), drought resistant, sun, yellow, orange, brown flowers in Spring, attracts birds. Pretty grey foliage, suitable for a coastal garden.

Salvia chamelaeagnea *Blue Salvia*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), sun, semi-shade, pale blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Mass plant for effect.

Strelitzia reginae *Crane Flower*

Evergreen shrub, (1.2m x 1.2m), sun, semi-shade, orange and blue flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. This shrub is one of South Africa's most successful exports!

Tecoma capensis *Cape Honeysuckle*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 3m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring and Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, and insects, for hedging/screening, containers. Beautiful bright green foliage, edible fruit. A must for a bird garden. Prune back in Winter. Medicinal uses.

Constructing a Bird Garden

Nectar producing Groundcovers

Agapanthus inapertus *Drooping Agapanthus*

Deciduous groundcover, (1m -1.2m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. It occurs naturally in very cold grasslands and makes a good garden subject.

Agapanthus nana *Miniature Blue/White Agapanthus*

Evergreen groundcover, (25 - 35cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white/blue flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. It is impressive in mass planting or borders along flowerbeds and paths.

Agapanthus praecox *Common Agapanthus*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.5 x 0.75m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white/blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Clump forming, medicinal uses.

Aloe aculeata *Prickly Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), sun, yellow/orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Produces 1m rosette of leaves.

Aloe affinis *Common or Graskop Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (20 x 40cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, coral red flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Natural habitat destroyed by pine forests.

Aloe cooperi *Cooper's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 1.2m), frost resistant, sun, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Grassland specie, beautiful in the garden.

Aloe cryptopoda (wikensii) *Coral Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), sun, red flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Popular garden plant.

Aloe dyeri *Shade or Dyer's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Thrives in shade with tall red inflorescence.

Aloe fosteri *Foster's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), sun, yellow/orange flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, for containers. Beautiful show if mass planted.

Aloe greatheadii (A.dayvana) *Aloe Davyana*

Evergreen groundcover, (20 x 40cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, for containers. Leaf sap used to heal burns, beautiful mass planted.

Aloe mudenensis *Muden's Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (50cm x 50cm), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow-red flowers in Winter, attracts birds. Occurs in Northern Natal.

Aloe striata *Coral Aloe*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, deep coral flowers in Winter, attracts birds, for containers. Distinctive coral coloured stripe down the edges of the leaves.

Eucomis autumnalis *Pineapple Flower*

Deciduous groundcover, (0.75x 0.75), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Many medicinal uses, lovely flower for the vase.

Felicia amelloides *Blue Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Felicia amelloides alba *White Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, semi-shade, white flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Felicia amelloides variegata *Variegated Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect.

Kniphofia praecox *Red-Hot Poker*

Evergreen groundcover, (1.5 x 1.5m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, orange/yellow flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, water, containers. Stunning in flower, plant next to a pond or dam.

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PLANTS USED AS NESTING SITES

Dense Bushy Hedges suitable for Nesting

Aloe arborescens *Krantz Aloe* SA Tree No. 28.1

Evergreen shrub, (2m x 2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for thorny barriers, containers. Leaf sap for burns, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Aloe marlothii *Mountain Aloe* SA Tree No. 29.5

Evergreen shrub, (3m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Striking single stem, roots produce dye, children suck nectar from the flowers.

Metarungia longistrobus *Sunbird Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1.2m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Unusual in flower and loved by the sunbirds and butterflies, undemanding.

Bauhinia tomentosa *Yellow Tree Bauhinia* SA Tree No. 208.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots.

Brachylaena discolor *Wild Silver Oak* SA Tree No. 724
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Early settlers used the ash to make soap. Zulu diviners use stems and roots to communicate with their ancestors. Wood used for carving.

Buddleja saligna *False Olive* SA Tree No. 636
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Most attractive for a small garden, medicinal, hard wood. Ideal for small gardens.

Burchellia bubalina *Wild Pomegranate* SA Tree No. 688
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, orange flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Roots used as a body wash and love charm, hard wood.

Calpurnia aurea *Wild Laburnum* SA Tree No. 219
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Grown in Europe for hundreds of years, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Carissa macrocarpa *Large Num-Num* SA Tree No. 640.3
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-mid-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Makes good jam, fruit is highly nutritious, fruit produces pink dye, very attractive.

Cassinopsis ilicifolia *Lemon Thorn* SA Tree No. 420

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Spiny, medicinal, edible.

Clerodendrum glabrum *White Cats Whiskers* SA Tree No. 667

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Leaves are rubbed onto hands and face to repel bees when collecting honey, poles for hut building, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Diospyros lycioides var guerkei *Transvaal Bluebush*

SA Tree No. 605.2

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. One of the most widely distributed plants in South Africa, roots produce brown dye, medicinal.

Diospyros simii *Climbing Star-Apple* SA Tree No. 609

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, Edible fruit is orange-brown.

Diospyros whyteana *Bladder-Nut* SA Tree No. 611

Evergreen tree, (small), semi-shade, white/yellow flowers in Winter, attracts birds, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Seeds good substitute for coffee, medicinal, hard wood.

Dodonaea angustifolia *Sand Olive* SA Tree No. 437

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Many medicinal uses, grows easily and prunes well.

Dovyalis caffra *Kei Apple* SA Tree No. 507

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Fruit is sour, but tasty and used for jelly and jam making, grown worldwide as a hedge. Ideal for small gardens.

Dovyalis zeyheri *Wild Apricot* SA Tree No. 511

Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, greenish/yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Good for pools/paving. Edible fruit.

Dracaena alectriformis *Large-Leaved Dragon Tree*

SA Tree No. 30.9

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, yellow/white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. A lovely foliage plant, can be grown indoors.

Ehretia rigida *Puzzle Bush* SA Tree No. 657

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant lilac flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Branches used for bows and fishing baskets, strong wood, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit.

Euclea crispa *Blue Guarri* SA Tree No. 594

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Slow growing, roots for brown dye, medicinal.

Euphorbia ingens *Common Tree Euphorbia* SA Tree No. 351
Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, greenish flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers. Sap in very poisonous, medicinal, striking structural plant.

Ficus sur *Broom Cluster Fig* SA Tree No. 50
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, attracts birds, mammals for wetlands, aggressive roots. Fast growing if well watered.

Gardenia cornuta *Natal Gardnia* SA Tree No. 690.1
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers. Magical -keeps away evil spirits, medicinal, wood for posts.

Gardenia thunbergia *Starry Gardenia* SA Tree No. 692
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers. Starry gardenia requires acid soil, wood for tools, medicinal.

Grewia flavescens *Sandpaper Raisin* SA Tree No. 459.2
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals. Found from Kwazulu Natal to Arabia and India.

Grewia occidentalis *Cross-Berry* SA Tree No. 463
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Garden must. Edible fruit. Used to make beer. Bark - shampoo prevents grey hair, magical and medicinal.

Halleria elliptica *Wild Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for bonsai. Neat garden subject.

Halleria lucida *Tree Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670.2

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. Ideal for small gardens.

Leucosidea sericea *Ouhout* SA Tree No. 145

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Lovely in a townhouse garden. Ideal for small gardens.

Noltea africana *Soap Dogwood* SA Tree No. 453

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. It has been 'adopted' by the landscaping trade, perhaps for its versatility. Soapy lather made from the leaves.

Ochna serrulata *Mickey Mouse Bush* SA Tree No. 479.1

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Decorative small tree, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Phoenix reclinata *Wild Date Palm* SA Tree No. 22

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, fruit edible and highly nutritious, leaves for baskets and mats, sap trapped for wine making.

Pittosporum viridiflorum *Cheesewood* SA Tree No. 139

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream/yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Bark is medicinal and an aphrodisiac, lovely garden tree.

Rhamnus prinoides *Dogwood* SA Tree No. 452

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, glossy leaves, medicinal, leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightening.

Rhus chirindensis *Red Currant* SA Tree No. 380

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Beautiful Autumn foliage, edible fruit, medicinal, wood for furniture.

Rhus crenata *Dune Crow-Berry* SA Tree No. 380.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for hedging/screening.

Rhus dentatea *Nana-Berry* SA Tree No. 381

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, fragrant yellow/green flowers in Spring, attracts birds, non-aggressive roots. Edible fruit.

Rhus lancea *Karee* SA Tree No. 386

Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Northern Cape & Jacobsdal District in Free State, fruit edible and used to make mead. Leaves produce brown dye.

Rhus leptodictya *Mountain Karee* SA Tree No. 387

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Good shade and street tree.

Rhus pendulina *White Karee* SA Tree No. 396

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, popular street tree, has edible fruit.

Rhus pentheri *Crowberry* SA Tree No. 391

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Useful tree on a game farm. Edible fruit.

Rhus pyroides *Fire Thorn* SA Tree No. 392

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Useful Highveld specie for a game farm.

Scutia myrtina *Cat-Thorn* SA Tree No. 451

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Browsed by game, edible fruit, leaves used medicinally.

Spirostachys africana *Tamboti* SA Tree No. 341

Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, toxic fumes from the wood used in a fire causes severe illness, milky latex is poisonous, wood for furniture.

Creepers suitable for Nesting

Clematis bractiata *Traveller's Joy*

Deciduous shrub, (2m), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Lovely climber, pretty in flower and seed. Medicinal and a good luck charm.

Combretum bracteosum *Hiccup Nut* SA Tree No. 532.2

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers. Beautiful in flower, fast screen, edible fruit said to cause or cure hiccups.

Jasminum angulare *Wild Jasmine*

Evergreen shrub, (7m), fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Fresh leaves poison sheep and cattle.

Jasminum multipartitum *Starry Wild Jasmine*

Deciduous shrub, (2m x 2m), sun, fragrant white/pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies. Plant on a trellis at the patio.

Plumbago auriculata *Cape Leadwort*

Evergreen shrub, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Roots and leaves for headache, fast growing, prunes well, favourite.

Tecoma capensis *Cape Honeysuckle*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 3m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring and Summer, attracts birds, butterflies and insects, for hedging/screening, containers. Beautiful bright green foliage, edible fruit. A must for a bird garden. Prune back in Winter. Medicinal uses.

Trees suitable for Nesting

Acacia abyssinica *Nyanga Flat Top* SA Tree No. 187

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Has a flat crown with beautiful flaky bark.

Acacia ataxacantha *Flame Thorn* SA Tree No. 160

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for thorny barriers, containers. Beautiful red pods, wood is split into strips for baskets.

Acacia burkei *Black Monkey Thorn* SA Tree No. 161

Deciduous tree, (medium), sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for thorny barriers, aggressive roots. Said to attract lightning, gum is edible, medicinal, roots produce yellow dye, hard wood.

Acacia caffra *Common Hook Thorn* SA Tree No. 162

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, creamy-white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for thorny barriers, containers, bonsai, aggressive roots. A graceful tree with feathery foliage that gives the tree a weeping shape, used to make tobacco pipes, bark makes brown dye, medicinal and magical.

Acacia erioloba *Camel Thorn* SA Tree No. 168

Deciduous tree, (medium), sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers. Edible gum, pods and bark medicinal, durable wood.

Acacia erubescens *Blue Thorn* SA Tree No. 164

Deciduous tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, white/pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers. Bark rough, peeling in yellow paper layers.

Acacia galpinii *Monkey Thorn* SA Tree No. 166

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, red/purple flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. for thorny barriers, containers, aggressive roots. It has large, black, hooked thorns that make it an ideal addition to a security hedge, bark makes rope.

Acacia hebeclada *Candle Thorn* SA Tree No. 170

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, for hedging/screening, aggressive roots. The bark is fissured and flaking.

Acacia karroo *Sweet Thorn* SA Tree No. 172

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, aggressive roots. Medicinal properties, bark used to tan leather red, firewood, gum eaten by bush babies, seeds are a coffee substitute. Ideal for small gardens.

Acacia mellifera *Black Thorn* SA Tree No. 176

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, white/pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for aggressive roots. Twigs are used as toothbrushes

Acacia natalitia *Coastal Sweet Thorn* SA Tree No. 172
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Excellent for game lodge, light shade, does not drop thorns.

Acacia nigrescens *Knob Wood* SA Tree No. 178
Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals, for thorny barriers, bonsai. Magical, fodder tree, used for fencing posts.

Acacia rehmanniana *Silky Thorn* SA Tree No. 182
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for hedging/screening. Attractive grey-green, velvety leaves.

Acacia robusta *Splendid Acacia* SA Tree No. 183
Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Bark used to make twine.

Acacia sieberiana var. woodii *Paperbark Thorn* SA Tree No. 187
Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, aggressive roots. Flat crown, edible gum, medicinal, bark produces grey dye.

Acacia tortilis *Umbrella Thorn* SA Tree No. 188
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, aggressive roots. Medicinal bark, edible gum, firewood, grazed.

Acacia xanthophloea *Fever Tree* SA Tree No. 189

Deciduous tree, (medium), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for water, containers, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal bark, edible gum, timber for boxwood.

Aloe barberae (bainesii) *Tree Aloe* SA Tree No. 28

Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds, butterflies, for containers. Largest of all the Aloes, is an ideal form plant, semi-shade, and makes a good container plant.

Apodytes dimidiata *White Pear/Bird's-Eye* SA Tree No. 422

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Leaves boiled as spinach, poles for hut building, fish kraals and furniture. Ideal for small gardens.

Bolusanthus speciosus *Tree Wisteria* SA Tree No. 222

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, semi-shade, blue-violet flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Graceful tree, the name means beautiful, medicinal, excellent wood.

Calodendrum capense *Cape Chestnut* SA Tree No. 256

Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, semi-shade, pink flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Magnificent terminal sprays of pink flowers in early summer, magical.

Celtis africana *White Stinkwood* SA Tree No. 39

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Wood used for furniture, unpleasant smell when first cut hence common name, magical.

Combretum erythrophyllum *River Bushwillow* SA Tree No. 536

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow/white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, non-aggressive roots. Yellow to red autumn colours, gum used as varnish and roots produce brown dye.

Combretum molle *Velvet Bushwillow* SA Tree No. 537

Deciduous tree, (medium), sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals. Leaves used for red fabric dye and roots for yellow fabric dye, medicinal.

Cussonia paniculata *Highveld Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No. 563.1

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Thick stem and attractive, drooping grey leaves. The thick tuberous roots are peeled and eaten raw as an emergency food or as a source of water, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia spicata *Common Cabbage Tree* SA Tree No. 564

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, green/yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, aggressive roots. Decorative, lovely form plant with bright green leaves crowded at the tips of the branches. Ideal for small gardens.

Cussonia transvaalensis *Transvaal Cabbage Tree*

SA Tree No. 564.3, Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, greenish-yellow flowers in

Spring-Summer, attracts birds. Single stem and sparsely branched crown.

Dais cotinifolia *Pompon Tree* SA Tree No. 521

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, pink/mauve flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Masses of very showy fragrant pink, pom-pom like flowers, bark woven and used for rope.

Dombeya rotundifolia *Wild Pear* SA Tree No. 471

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Fire resistant, upright tree, bark for rope and flowers are a love potion, medicinal.

Duvernoia adhatodoides *Pistol Bush* SA Tree No. 681

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Autumn-Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening. Attractive with dark green leaves and brilliant white flowers.

Erythrina lysistemon *Common Coral Tree* SA Tree No. 245

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Winter-Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, aggressive roots. The bark is medicinal, traditionally planted after birth of a son, lucky beans.

Faidherbia albida (Acacia albida) *Ana Boom* SA Tree No. 159

Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in December, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for containers, aggressive roots. Bark strips are used as dental floss, medicinal and fish poison. Edible gum and fruit.

Heteromorpha trifoliata *Parsley Tree* SA Tree No. 568

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies. Roots and leaves used in traditional medicine.

Heteropyxis natalensis *Lavender Tree* SA Tree No. 455
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, white/creamy flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal, leaves as a mouthwash, lovely Autumn foliage.

Kiggelaria africana *Wild Peach* SA Tree No. 494
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Street tree with attractive fruit, wood for furniture, medicinal. Attracts the Garden Acraea butterfly.

Nuxia floribunda *Forest Elder* SA Tree No. 634
Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Good near pools, plant near a patio.

Olea europaea subsp. africana *Wild Olive* SA Tree No. 617
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, white/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, protected in South Africa, medicinal, fine wood for turning.

Pappea capensis *Jacket-Plum* SA Tree No. 433
Deciduous tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, pale green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Good for baldness and ringworm, fruit for jam, seeds for oil, also used to make soap.

Peltophorum africanum *Weeping Wattle* SA Tree No. 215

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Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Roots and bark used medicinally, wood utilised.

Podocarpus falcatus *Natal Outeniqua Yellow Wood* SA Tree No. 16
Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers, non-aggressive roots. In 1976 made SA National Tree, need a permit to cut down, Christmas tree, it has the smallest leaves but grows to be the tallest.

Podocarpus henkelii *Henkel's Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 17
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Has long hanging leaves and is the most popular Yellowwood.

Podocarpus latifolius *Real Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 18
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, greenish flowers in Spring, attracts birds, mammals. Edible fruit, host to epiphytic orchids, beautiful wood for furniture.

Schotia brachypetala *Weeping Boerbean* SA Tree No. 202
Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Bark used to make sangoma's red dye, to ward off evil, strikingly beautiful in flower. Seeds roasted and eaten.

Syzygium cordatum *Water Berry* SA Tree No. 555
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Beautiful red/brown wood, many medicinal uses, bark produces orange dye and the fruits a purple dye.

Trema orientalis *Pigeonwood* SA Tree No. 42
Deciduous tree, (large), sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds. Numerous medicinal uses. Leaves eaten as spinach.

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PLANTS FOR AQUATIC BIRDS

Groundcovers

Cyperus textilis *Emezi Grass*

Evergreen groundcover (1.5m x 1m), frost resistant, sun, brownish flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for wetlands, water. Damp to wet soil. Nest material for birds, woven into baskets and mats.

Setaria megaphylla *Broad-Leaved Bristle Grass*

Evergreen groundcover (1m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands. Eaten by dogs and antelope.

Typha capensis *Bulrush*

Deciduous groundcover (2m x 60cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, brownish flowers in Summer, attracts birds, mammals, for wetlands, water, containers. Rhizomes are used for meal, medicinal, leaves for brooms, weaving and thatching.

Trees

Buddleja auriculata *Weeping Sage* SA Tree No. 636.5

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Autumn, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Fragrant Winter flowering, graceful, plant near a pond. Leaves used as a tea. Ideal for small gardens.

Buddleja saligna *False Olive* SA Tree No. 636

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Most attractive for a small garden, medicinal, hard wood. Ideal for small gardens.

Buddleja salvifolia *Sagewood* SA Tree No. 637

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, aggressive roots. Use as a nurse plant to protect other plants in very cold areas, magical.

Combretum erythrophyllum *River Bushwillow* SA Tree No. 536

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow/white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, non-aggressive roots. Yellow to red autumn colours, gum used as varnish and roots produce brown dye.

Ficus sur *Broom Cluster Fig* SA Tree No. 50

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, attracts birds, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Fast growing if well watered.

Freylinia lanceolata *Honeybell Bush* SA Tree No. 670.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening. Quick screen or informal hedge.

Halleria lucida *Tree Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670.2

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent small garden subject, medicinal, magical. Edible fruit.

Hypericum revolutum *Curry Bush* SA Tree No. 484

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for containers. Lovely, graceful plant that smells of curry.

Ilex mitis *Cape Holly* SA Tree No. 397

Evergreen tree, (medium), fast growing, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds, for wetlands non-aggressive roots. Good street tree or on a lawn, leaves produce a lather, medicinal, wood for furniture.

Kiggelaria africana *Wild Peach* SA Tree No. 494

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Street tree with attractive fruit, wood for furniture, medicinal. Attracts the Garden Acraea butterfly.

Leucosidea sericea *Ouhout* SA Tree No. 145

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Lovely in a townhouse garden. Ideal for small gardens.

Rhamnus prinoides *Dogwood* SA Tree No. 452

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, green flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, for hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, glossy leaves, medicinal, leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightening.

Salix mucronata *Safsaf Willow* SA Tree No. 36

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Plant near a pond, medicinal and magical uses.

Syzygium cordatum *Water Berry* SA Tree No. 555

Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds, butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, aggressive roots. Beautiful red/brown wood, many medicinal uses, bark produces orange dye and the fruits a purple dye.

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