

Shade and Semi-shade Gardening

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

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Introduction

Our inspiration for shady gardens is derived from the forests and woodlands of this country. When I have walked under the trees and through the clivias at God's Window all I want to do is come home and make my own God's Window! It is exciting to make a garden in the shade and there are many choices of plant material that we have listed in this booklet.

Bear in mind that semi-shade indicates an area which receives sun for 2-3 hours a day. The area on the east and the south-east of the house, as well as under trees are areas of semi-shade.

When starting a garden from scratch, remember that it will take some time for the trees to mature and produce shade. In the meantime the groundcovers and shrubs will be in the sun. Try to choose plants like Agapanthus that will adapt quite happily to the shade once the tree has grown.

Enjoy this challenge,

Shade and Semi-shade Gardening

re-creating God's Window in your own
sanctuary.

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EVERGREEN GROUNDCOVERS

Adiantum capillus-veneris *Maidenhair Fern*

Evergreen groundcover, (30 x 30cm), sun, semi-shade, for water, containers. It is believed to be mildly diuretic.

Agapanthus nana *Miniature Blue/White Agapanthus*

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

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 - nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Clump forming, medicinal uses. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect and nectar eaters, for containers. Thrives in shade with tall red inflorescence. Ideal for small gardens.

Aponogeton distachyos *Waterblommetjie*

Evergreen groundcover, (30cm), fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, for water. Flowers cooked in stews, juice from the leaf for burns and sunburn. Ideal for small gardens.

Aristea ecklonii *Blue Stars*

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

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 - insect and fruit eaters, for containers. Lovely mass planted or in hanging baskets, flower arrangements. Ideal for small gardens.

Asparagus densiflorus-sprengerii *Basket Asparagus*

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

Asparagus falcatus *Sickle Thorn*

Evergreen groundcover, (2m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, for containers. Thrives in dry shade. Ideal for small gardens.

Asparagus virgatus *Broom Asparagus*

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

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Spreads rapidly, mass plant, leaves used for spinach. Ideal for small gardens.

Becium obovatum *Cat's Whiskers*

Evergreen groundcover, (30cm), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts butterflies. Occurs in grasslands. Ideal for small gardens.

Bulbine natalensis *Broad-Leaved Bulbine*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer. Roots are used medicinally and leaves for topical healing. Ideal for small gardens.

Carissa green carpet *Small Num-Num*

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

Chaetecanthus setiger *Fairy Stars*

Evergreen groundcover, (20cm), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for containers. Low spreading groundcover with small white flowers. Ideal for small gardens.

Chlorophytum bowkeri

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, for wetlands. Lovely mass planted, quite dramatic. Ideal for small gardens.

Chlorophytum comosum 'vittatum' *Variegated Hen & Chickens*
Evergreen groundcover, (30cm x 30cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, semi-shade, white flowers all year, for containers. Mass plant, medicinal, hanging basket. Ideal for small gardens.

Chlorophytum saundersiae *Weeping Anthericum*
(Anthericum saunderisae)

Evergreen groundcover, (50 x 25cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, attracts butterflies. Lovely as a mass planting, attracts bumble bees. Ideal for small gardens.

Cineraria saxifraga *Wild Cineraria*

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

Clivia miniata *Bush Lily*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.75 x 0.75), shade, semi-shade, orange flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, for containers. Medicinal value. Ideal for small gardens.

Crassula expansa *Fragile Crassula*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5), drought resistant, fast growing, shade, white flowers all year, attracts butterflies, for containers. Spreads quickly and covers well. Ideal for small gardens.

Crassula multicava *Fairy Crassula*

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

Crassula spathulata

Evergreen groundcover, (50cm x 50cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers all year, for containers. Very fast growing, covers quickly, hanging baskets. Ideal for small gardens.

Crinum macowanii *River Lily*

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

Crinum moorei *Moore's Crinum*

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

Cyrtomium falcatum *Holly Fern*

Evergreen groundcover, (60 x 60 cm), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, for wetlands. Beautiful fern for a water feature in the shade. Ideal for small gardens.

Diascia integerrima *Twinspur*

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

Dierama pendulum *Harebell*

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

Dietes grandiflora *Large Wild Iris*

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

Dietes iridioides

Evergreen groundcover, (30 - 40cm), frost resistant, fast growing, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-Summer. Clump forming plant, beautiful white flowers with purple marking that close by midday except on overcast days. Ideal for small gardens.

Dimorphotheca ecklonis *Blue-and-White Daisy Bush*
(was Osteospermum ecklonis)

Evergreen groundcover, (75 x 75cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. White flowers have mauve under the petals and a dark blue centre. Striking in flower. Mass plant for effect. Ideal for small gardens.

Dimorphotheca jucundum
(was 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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Creeping daisy which covers banks quickly. Striking in flower and pretty cascading over rocks. Ideal for small gardens.

Falckia repens *White Carpet*

Evergreen groundcover, (5cm), fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, for wetlands, containers. Flat growing, attractive, indigenous "Daisy Lawn". Ideal for small gardens.

Felicia amelloides *Blue Felicia*

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

Felicia amelloides alba *White Felicia*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.5 x 0.5), frost resistant, semi-shade, white flowers all year, attracts birds - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Mass plant for effect. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, for containers. Medicinal value. Ideal for small gardens.

Gerbera jamesonii *Barbeton Daisy*

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

Hesperantha coccinea *Scarlet River Lily*
(was **Schizostylis coccinea pink**)

Evergreen groundcover, (50cm x 20cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, white, pink or red flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for wetlands, containers. Looks stunning next to a pond or water feature in damp conditions. Ideal for small gardens.

Imperata cylindrica *Cottonwool Grass*

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

Lobelia alata

Evergreen groundcover, (20cm), fast growing, semi-shade, blue flowers in Summer, for wetlands, water, containers. Mat-forming survives in water, wetlands and dry conditions. Ideal for small gardens.

Lobelia cuneifolia

Evergreen groundcover, (0.2 x 0.2), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, blue/purple flowers in Summer, for containers. Lovely in a hanging basket. Ideal for small gardens.

Lobelia flaccida *Wild Lobellia*

Evergreen groundcover, (30cm), fast growing, semi-shade, pale blue flowers in Summer, for wetlands, containers. Used as a pot herb. Ideal for small gardens.

Mentha longifolia *Wild Spearmint*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Summer, for wetlands. Many medicinal uses, fragrant leaves. Ideal for small gardens.

Othonna carnos *Othonna*

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

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 - insect eaters, for containers. Cheerful spreading ground cover, hanging baskets or indoor plant. Ideal for small gardens.

Plectranthus ciliatus *Speckled Spurflower*

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

Plectranthus neochilus *Lobster Flower*

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

Plectranthus oertendali *Silver-Leaved Spurflower*

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

Plectranthus saccatus *Stoep Jacaranda*

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

Plectranthus verticillatus *Gossip or Money Plant*

Evergreen groundcover, (20cm x 50cm), fast growing, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Mass plant in moist shade for effect. Ideal for small gardens.

Pteris dentata *Toothed Brake*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, for wetlands, containers. The toothed lobes fold inwards, pretty at a water feature. Ideal for small gardens.

Pteris vittata *Banded Fern*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), fast growing, semi-shade, for wetlands, containers. Lovely under trees but water frequently. Ideal for small gardens.

Rumohra adiantiformis *Knysna Fern*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m x 1m), fast growing, semi-shade, for wetlands, containers. Water frequently, fronds used by florists. Ideal for small gardens.

Scabiosa africana *Pincushion*

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

Selago corymbosa *Bitterblombos*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer. Plant in mixed border, cut back after flowering. Ideal for small gardens.

Setaria megaphylla *Broad-Leaved Bristle Grass*

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

Stachys aethiopica *Wild Sage*

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

Stapelia gigantea *Carrion Flower*

Evergreen groundcover, (30cm x 30cm), semi-shade, star-shaped white flowers in Summer. Medicinal, attracts flies, plant near rocks for interest. Ideal for small gardens.

Sutera cordata *Wild Phlox*

Evergreen groundcover, (0.2 x 0.2), frost resistant, shade, semi-shade, white flowers all year. Ideal for small gardens.

Zantedeschia aethiopica *White Arum Lily*

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

Zantedeschia green goddess *Green Arum*

Evergreen groundcover, (1m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, green flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for wetlands, containers. Eye-catching and dramatic. Ideal for small gardens.

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DECIDUOUS 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 - nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. It occurs naturally in very cold grasslands and makes a good garden subject. Ideal for small gardens.

Crinum bulbispermum *Orange River Lily*

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

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, mammals, for wetlands, containers. Medicinal, stunning in flower, good for the vase. Ideal for small gardens.

Cyrtanthus mackenii *Ifafa Lilly*

Deciduous groundcover, (15 - 20cm), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink, yellow and orange flowers in Winter. Used as a protective charm. Ideal for small gardens.

Drimiopsis maculate *Spotted-Leaved Drimiopsis*

Deciduous groundcover, (25 cm), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Spring, for containers. Medicinal, indoor plant. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Many medicinal uses, lovely flower for the vase. Ideal for small gardens.

Gloriosa superba *Flame Lily*

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

Haemanthus albiflos *Dappled Snowbrush*

Deciduous groundcover, (30 x 40cm), shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Autumn, attracts butterflies. Medicinal, mass plant under trees. Ideal for small gardens.

Haemanthus humilis *Rabbit's Ears*

Deciduous groundcover, (30 x 40cm), semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer. Medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Merwillia plumbea (was Scilla natalensis) *Blue Squill*

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

Panicum maximum *Guinea Grass*

Semi-deciduous, groundcover, (75cm to 1m), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, attracts birds - seed eaters, for wetlands. Delicate flowering stems with creamy coloured seeds. Clump forming grass. A must in a bird garden with ponds and grassland. Ideal for small gardens.

Scadoxus multiflorus subsp. Katharinae *Katherine Wheel*
Deciduous groundcover, (50 x 30cm), semi-shade, dark pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds - fruit eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Used to make love charms. Ideal for small gardens.

Scadoxus puniceus *Paintbrush*
Deciduous groundcover, (0.5 x 0.3), frost resistant, drought resistant, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for containers. Beautiful mass planted under trees, red seeds follow, poisonous bulb, medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. It does not smell of garlic and is scented. Ideal for small gardens.

Veltheimia bracteata *Bush Lily*
Deciduous groundcover, (0.4 x 0.4), shade, semi-shade, pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Flowers last for a month. Ideal for small gardens.

Zantedeschia albomaculata *Arrow-Leaved Arum*
Deciduous groundcover, (40 - 50cm), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white/pale yellow flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for wetlands, containers. Medicinal value, used as a cooking vegetable. Ideal for small gardens.

Zantedeschia rehmanni *Pink Arum*
Deciduous groundcover, (45 x 20cm), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds - fruit eaters, attracts butterflies, for wetlands, containers. Grassland specie, flowers last well in the vase. Ideal for small gardens.

EVERGREEN 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 - insect and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for thorny barriers, containers. Leaf sap for burns, medicinal.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies. Survives normal winter drought. Lovely in a garden. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, mammals, for containers. Cut back after flowering. Ideal for small gardens.

Barleria repens Purple Prince *Bush Violet*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 1), frost resistant, drought resistant, shade, semi-shade, purple flowers in Autumn, attracts butterflies, for containers. Mass plant under trees, informal borders, prune back after flowering. Ideal for small gardens.

Brilliantasia subulgorica *Giant Salvia*

Evergreen shrub, (2m x 2m), fast growing, semi-shade, purple flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies. Stunning in flower, but is frost tender and needs to be pruned in Winter. Ideal for small gardens.

Chondropetalum tectorum *Cape Thatching Reed*

Evergreen shrub, (2.5 x 1.5m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, dark brown flowers in Summer, for wetlands, containers. Used for making brooms and for thatching roofs. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect and fruit eaters, attracts butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Fruits are eaten by children, medicinal uses. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, for hedging/screening. Wind resistant, suitable for Coastal gardens. Ideal for small gardens.

Dyschoriste sp nova

Evergreen shrub, (30 x 60cm), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, pale pink flowers almost all year, for containers. Beautiful in flower and mass planted. Ideal for small gardens.

Dyschoriste thunbergiiflora *Purple Bells*

Evergreen shrub, (1.7 x 1.7m), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, violet-pink flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for containers. Striking flowers and looks lovely next to a water feature or pond. Ideal for small gardens.

Encephalartos ferox *Tongaland Cycad*

Evergreen shrub, (1.5m x 1.5m), frost resistant, shade, semi-shade. Needs shade and plenty of water. Ideal for small gardens.

Encephalartos villosus *Ground Cycad*

Evergreen shrub, (2.5m), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, for containers. Medicinal and magical, considered a lightning conductor. Ideal for small gardens.

Euryops pectinatus *Golden Daisy Bush*

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

Felicia erigeroides *Wild Michaelmas Daisy*

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

Freylinia tropica *Blue Honeybell Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 1.5), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, blue/white flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Undemanding plant that is great pruned as a formal hedge. Ideal for small gardens.

Hibiscus penduncularis *Pink Hibiscus*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer. Very pretty flower, plant at the back of a bed as it can become leggy. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies. Flowers profusely when nothing else is in flower. Undemanding, prune back at the end of Winter. Ideal for small gardens.

Impatiens hochstetteri *Mauve Impatiens*

Evergreen shrub, (20 x 20cm), shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Summer, for wetlands. Plant near a pond in dappled shade. Ideal for small gardens.

Impatiens sylvicola *Salmon Impatiens*

Evergreen shrub, (20 x 20cm), shade, semi-shade, pink/cerise flowers in mid-Summer, for wetlands. Plant near a pond in dappled shade. Ideal for small gardens.

Juncus krausii *Matting Rush*

Evergreen shrub, (1.5m x 1.5m), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, brownish flowers in Summer, for wetlands. Stems are woven into sleeping mats. Ideal for small gardens.

Justicia capensis *Businessman's Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies. Traditionally used to attract business. Ideal for small gardens.

Justicia petiolaris *Blue Justicia*

Evergreen shrub, (0.1m - 1m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, blue/mauve flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies. Unusual flowers. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for wetlands. Lush looking blue green leaves, very dramatic in flower, medicinal uses. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Stunning in flower. Mass plant for effect. Ideal for small gardens.

Phygелиus aequalis *River Bells*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect, fruit eaters, nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond. Ideal for small gardens.

Phygелиus capensis *Cape Fuchsia*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 0.5), frost resistant, shade, semi-shade, red flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, fruit and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for wetlands. Useful next to a pond. Ideal for small gardens.

Plectranthus ecklonii *Large Spurflower Bush*

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

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 - insect eaters, for water, containers. Rub the stems on a windowsill to repel flies, showy if mass planted. Ideal for small gardens.

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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for containers. Mass plant under trees, cut back after flowering. Ideal for small gardens.

Plectranthus mona lavender

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

Plectranthus zuluensis *Zulu Spurflower*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), fast growing, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers all year, attracts birds - insect eaters, for containers. Very pretty mauve, lovely in pots in the shade. Ideal for small gardens.

Plumbago auriculata *Cape Leadwort*

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

Plumbago auriculata alba

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

Polygala fruticosa *Heart-Leaved Polygala*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Autumn. Medicinal. Ideal for small gardens.

Polygala virgata *Purple Broom*

Evergreen shrub, (2 x 1), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, purple flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies. Medicinal, plant at the back of a bed for height. Ideal for small gardens.

Psychotria capensis *Black Birdberry* SA Tree No. 723

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

Salvia chamelaeagnea *Blue Salvia*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), sun, semi-shade, pale blue flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for Mass plant for effect. Ideal for small gardens.

Sansevieria trifasciata *Mother-In-Law's-Tongue*

Evergreen shrub, (1m), semi-shade, for containers. Mass plant for a dramatic effect. Many medicinal uses. Ideal for small gardens.

Senecio barbetonicus *Succulent Bush Senecio*

Evergreen shrub, (2m), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Spring, attracts mammals. Useful succulent in a garden. Ideal for small gardens.

Senecio tamoides *Canary Creeper*

Evergreen shrub, (5m), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts butterflies. Medicinal, lovely climbing trees or a trellis. Ideal for small gardens.

Strelitzia reginae *Crane Flower*

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

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 - insect and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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. Ideal for small gardens.

Thunbergia alata *Black-Eyed Susan*

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

Thunbergia natalensis *Natal Bluebell*

Evergreen shrub, (1 x 1), drought resistant, fast growing, shade, semi-shade, blue flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies. Traditional remedy for a happy marriage, stems eaten by mice. Ideal for small gardens.

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DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Cyphostemma lanigerum *Wildedruif*

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

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EVERGREEN TREES

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

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

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

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

Bauhinia natalensis *Natal Bauhinia* SA Tree No. 208.5

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies. White flowers attract sunbirds and butterflies, grows in poor soil. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Yellow flowers attract birds and butterflies. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Buddleja auriculata *Weeping Sage* SA Tree No. 636.5
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant cream flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect, fruit and nectar eaters, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Graceful, plant near a pond. Leaves used as a tea. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Buxus macowanii *Cape Box* SA Tree No. 358
Evergreen tree, (small), shade, greenish flowers in Spring, for containers. Over exploited for its beautiful wood, very slow growing. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Canthium gilfillanii *Rock Alder* SA Tree No. 710
(was *Canthium mundianum*)
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, fragrant greenish flowers in Spring. Edible fruit, hard wood used for fencing posts and tools. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Carissa bispinosa *Num-Num* SA Tree No. 640.1

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, attracts butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Roots used for toothache, edible fruit. Ideal tree 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Makes good jam, fruit is highly nutritious, fruit produces pink dye, very attractive. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Cassinopsis ilicifolia *Lemon Thorn* SA Tree No. 420

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Spiny, medicinal, edible. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - used for nesting sites, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, Beautiful in flower, fast screen, edible fruit said to cause or cure hiccups.

Croton gratissimus *Lavender Fever Berry* SA Tree No. 328

Evergreen tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, mammals, for containers. Medicinal uses, scattered orange leaves, drooping habit, perfume from the leaves.

Cryptocarya latifolia *Broad-Leaved Quince* SA Tree No. 113
Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, semi-shade, greenish white flowers in Spring, attracts mammals, for water. Medicinal and magical.

Deinbollia oblongifolia *Dune Soap-Berry* SA Tree No. 430

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, fast growing, shade, white/cream flowers in Autumn, attracts mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Attractive garden plant, a good container plant for indoors. Traditionally the seeds are used to make soap, the leaves eaten as spinach and the roots used medicinally. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Evergreen tree, (small), semi-shade, white/yellow flowers in Winter, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Seeds good substitute for coffee, medicinal, hard wood. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Dombeya burgessae *Pink Wild Pear* SA Tree No. 468.1

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Autumn, attracts mammals. Bark is used for fibre, beautiful as a 'roof' for a patio. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 tree for small gardens.

Dracaena alectriformis *Large-Leaved Dragon Tree*

SA Tree No. 30.9 Evergreen tree, (small), shade, yellow/white flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies. A lovely foliage plant, can be grown indoors. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for hedging/screening. Attractive with dark green leaves and brilliant white flowers. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Ensete ventricosum *African Wild Banana* SA Tree No. 31

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Spring, for containers. Lives about 10 years, then flowers and dies, stems are eaten. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Euphorbia ingens *Common Tree Euphorbia*

SA Tree No. 351 Evergreen tree, (large), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, greenish flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for hedging/screening, thorny barriers, containers. Sap is very poisonous, medicinal, striking structural plant.

Galpinia transvaalica *Transvaal Privet* SA Tree No. 523

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, shade, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Wood is used for turnery, decorative, suitable for a game farm. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Gardenia cornuta *Natal Gardnia* SA Tree No. 690.1

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds - used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers. Magical - keeps away evil spirits, medicinal, wood for posts. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Gardenia thunbergia *Starry Gardenia* SA Tree No. 692

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for containers. Starry gardenia requires acid soil, wood for tools, medicinal. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Gardenia volkensii *Transvaal Gardenia* SA Tree No. 691

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, mammals. Wood hard and fine grained, medicinal and magical. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Halleria elliptica *Wild Fuchsia* SA Tree No. 670

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for bonsai. Neat garden subject. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - insect, fruit and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Hypericum revolutum *Curry Bush* SA Tree No. 484
Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, shade, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, used by aquatic birds, for containers. Lovely, graceful plant that smells of curry. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Ilex mitis *Cape Holly* SA Tree No. 397
Evergreen tree, (medium), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - fruit eaters, used by aquatic birds, for wetlands, non-aggressive roots. Good street tree or on a lawn, leaves produce a lather, medicinal, wood for furniture.

Indigofera frutescens (cylindrica) *River Indigo*
SA Tree No. 225.4 Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, pink flowers in Summer, for containers. Popular garden tree, strong wood. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Kraussia floribunda *Kraussia* SA Tree No. 700.1
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, white flowers in mid-summer, attracts butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Makes good jam. Fruit eaten by people, delicate looking. Ideal tree 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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for hedging/screening, containers. Glossy dark green leaves, occurs along streams, wood used to make fire by friction. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Myrsine africana *Cape Myrtle* SA Tree No. 577.1

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

Nuxia floribunda *Forest Elder* SA Tree No. 634

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, non-aggressive roots. Good near pools, plant near a patio. Ideal for small gardens.

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

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

Peddiea africana *Green Flower Tree* SA Tree No. 517

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, semi-shade, pale green flowers in Spring-Summer. Poisonous tree, bark used to make rope. Ideal tree 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - fruit eaters, attracts mammals. Strong smell of potatoes in Spring, medicinal value, fruit produces black dye. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Pittosporum viridiflorum *Cheesewood* SA Tree No. 139

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, cream/yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for containers, non-aggressive roots. Bark is medicinal and an aphrodisiac, lovely garden tree. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Podocarpus falcatus *Natal Outeniqua Yellow Wood*

SA Tree No. 16 Evergreen tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, semi-shade, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, 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, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites. Has long hanging leaves and is the most popular Yellowwood.

Podocarpus latifolius *Real Yellowwood* SA Tree No. 18
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, greenish flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals. Edible fruit, host to epiphytic orchids, beautiful wood for furniture.

Prunus africana *Red Stinkwood*
Evergreen tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters, attracts 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, medicinal, glossy leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightning.

Rothmannia capensis *Cape Gardenia* SA Tree No. 693
Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts mammals, for containers. Flowers scented even when dry, medicinal, decorative, wood utilised.

Rothmannia globosa *Bell Gardenia* SA Tree No. 695
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, creamy white flowers in Spring-Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, mammals, for containers. Glossy dark green leaves, plant alongside a pond, hard wood. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals. Browsed by game, edible fruit, leaves used medicinally. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - insect and nectar eaters, attracts 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 - insect, fruit and nectar eaters, for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts 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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DECIDUOUS TREES

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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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.

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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for water, containers, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal bark, edible gum, timber for boxwood.

Albizia adianthifolia *Flatcrown* SA Tree No. 148

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

Bolusanthus speciosus *Tree Wisteria* SA Tree No. 222

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, semi-shade, blue-violet flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Graceful tree, the name means beautiful, medicinal, excellent wood. Ideal tree 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, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, mammals, for hedging/screening, containers, aggressive roots. Use as a nurse plant to protect other plants in very cold areas, magical.

Celtis africana *White Stinkwood* SA Tree No. 39

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, semi-shade, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - insect and fruit eaters, attracts butterflies, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal and magical, leaves used to flavour curry. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 - fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 tree for small gardens.

Clerodendrum myricoides *Blue Cats Whiskers*

SA Tree No. 667.1 Deciduous tree, (small), sun, shade, semi-shade, electric blue to purple flowers in Spring and Summer, attracts butterflies and insects. Edible fruit. Lovely shrubby tree for an informal border, medicinal. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Dais cotinifolia *Pompon Tree* SA Tree No. 521

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

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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Erythrina lysistemon *Common Coral Tree*

SA Tree No. 245 Deciduous tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, red flowers in Winter-Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - insect eaters. Highveld specie, seeds used as beads. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Kiggelaria africana *Wild Peach* SA Tree No. 494

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

Millettia grandis *Umzimbeet* SA Tree No. 227

Deciduous tree, (medium), drought resistant, sun, shade, semi-shade, mauve flowers in Spring, attracts butterflies, mammals, non-aggressive roots. Beautiful in flower and in seed, treatment for worms, beautiful dark brown wood for furniture.

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

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

Pavetta gardeniifolia *Common Bride's Bush*

SA Tree No. 716 Deciduous tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts mammals, for containers. Masses of white flowers in December make it a stunning sight, edible fruit. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Rhus chirindensis *Red Currant* SA Tree No. 380

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

Rotheca myricoides *Blue Cats Whiskers*

(was Clerodendrum myricoides) SA Tree No. 667.1

Deciduous tree, (3 to 7m), sun, shade, semi-shade, electric blue to purple flowers in Spring and Summer, attracts butterflies and insects. Edible fruit. Lovely shrubby tree for an informal border, medicinal. Ideal tree 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 - insect, fruit and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts 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.

Tabernaemontanum elegans *Toad Tree* SA Tree No. 644

Deciduous tree, (small), sun, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Spring, attracts mammals. Edible fruit, latex for bird lime and stops bleeding, medicinal roots. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Trema orientalis *Pigeonwood* SA Tree No. 42

Deciduous tree, (large), sun, semi-shade, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, fruit eaters, used for nesting sites. Numerous medicinal uses. Leaves eaten as spinach.

Zanthoxylum capense *Small Knobwood* SA Tree No. 253

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

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