

Hedges, Screens and Thorny Barriers

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

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Introduction

Whether it's a little formal clipped hedge or a wild informal barrier to screen out the neighbours, this booklet will help you to make the right choice of plant species.

Formal clipped hedges are very popular in formal and Tuscan gardens and can be very successful using indigenous species. At Grow Wild, we have planted up a little Freylinia tropica hedge so that all can see how well it works.

When screening out the neighbours with an informal, natural planting of bushy species, I suggest that you choose a variety of species. If you add some deciduous plants which have Autumn colour, you will create a stunning sight and change is always as good as a holiday. The other benefit of a few deciduous trees is the joy of those new Spring leaves. Consider the benefit of attracting birds and butterflies which will enjoy your choices too.

Security hedges are very popular these days. All the thorn trees can be used and treated like a pruned hedge. As soon as they reach the desired height, the tops are cut off and the plant will multi-stem and increase its effectiveness as a thorny barrier. These barriers become a haven for birdlife as they are the exclusion areas in which birds nest and roost.

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I hope that you will enjoy this booklet and find it useful.

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FORMAL PRUNED HEDGES

EVERGREEN SHRUBS

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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers. Undemanding plant that is great pruned as a formal hedge. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers. Roots and leaves for headaches, prunes well, favourite. Ideal for small gardens.

Plumbago auriculata alba *Plumbago*

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

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EVERGREEN TREES

Bauhinia galpinii *Pride of De Kaap* SA Tree No. 208.2
Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, red/orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, mammals, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Baskets, medicinal uses, lovely in flower. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, non-aggressive roots. Yellow flowers attract birds and butterflies. Ideal tree 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Most attractive for a small garden, medicinal, hard wood.

Buxus macowanii *Cape Box* SA Tree No. 358
Evergreen tree, (small), shade, greenish flowers in Spring, for formal pruned hedging, containers. Over exploited for its beautiful wood, very slow growing. 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, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Makes good jam, fruit is highly nutritious, fruit produces pink dye, very attractive. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Seeds good substitute for coffee, medicinal, hard wood. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Dodonaea angustifolia *Sand Olive* SA Tree No. 437

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers. Many medicinal uses, grows easily and prunes well. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening. Attractive with dark green leaves and brilliant white flowers. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. 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, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening. It enjoys cold and temperate areas with moderate rainfall. Ideal tree 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, protected in South Africa, medicinal, fine wood for turning.

Portulacaria afra *Elephant's Foot* SA Tree No. 104

Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, fragrant pink flowers in Spring, attracts mammals, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai. Leaves browsed by game and eaten by children, controls soil erosion. Ideal tree 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, medicinal, glossy leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightening.

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DECIDUOUS TREES

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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Branches used for bows and fishing baskets, strong wood, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. 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 formal pruned hedging, containers. Masses of white flowers in December make it a stunning sight, edible fruit. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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INFORMAL HEDGING/SCREENING

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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers. Leaf sap for burns, medicinal.

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, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Fruits are eaten by children, medicinal uses. Ideal for small gardens.

Coleonema album *White Confetti Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 0,75m), frost resistant, sun, white flowers in Winter-Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters, for informal hedging/screening. Wind resistant, medicinal. 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 informal hedging/screening. Wind resistant, suitable for Coastal gardens. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers. Undemanding plant that is great pruned as a formal hedge. Ideal for small gardens.

Metarungia longistrobis *Sunbird Bush*

Evergreen shrub, (1.2m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Summer, attracts birds - used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for informal hedging/screening, containers. Unusual in flower and loved by the sunbirds and butterflies, undemanding. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers. Roots and leaves for headaches, prunes well, favourite. Ideal for small gardens.

Plumbago auriculata alba *Plumbago*

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EVERGREEN TREES

Acokanthera oppositifolia *Bushman's Poison* SA Tree No. 639
Evergreen tree, (small), sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds - fruit eaters, attracts butterflies, for informal hedging/screening, containers, non-aggressive roots. Contains poisonous milky latex and poisonous berries. Used medicinally. 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 informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Leaves boiled as spinach, poles for hut building, fish kraals and furniture. Ideal tree 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 - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, mammals, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Baskets, medicinal uses, lovely in flower. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, non-aggressive roots. Yellow flowers attract birds and butterflies. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Brachylaena discolor *Wild Silver Oak* SA Tree No. 724
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening. 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, fragrant cream flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect fruit and nectar eaters, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Graceful, plant near a pond. Leaves used as a tea. Ideal tree 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Most attractive for a small garden, medicinal, hard wood. 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 informal hedging/screening, containers, non-aggressive roots. Roots used as a body wash and love charm, hard wood. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Calpurnia aurea *Wild Laburnum* SA Tree No. 219

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers all year, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Grown in Europe for hundreds of years, medicinal. 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, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security 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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Spiny, medicinal, edible. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - fruit eaters, attracts mammals, for informal hedging/screening, containers. Edible fruit, ornamental and very pretty in flower. 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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers. Beautiful in flower, fast screen, edible fruit said to cause or cure hiccups.

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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Seeds good substitute for coffee, medicinal, hard wood. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Dodonaea angustifolia *Sand Olive* SA Tree No. 437

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Autumn, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers. Many medicinal uses, grows easily and prunes well. 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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security 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.

Dovyalis zeyheri *Wild Apricot* SA Tree No. 511

Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, greenish/yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Good for pools/paving. Edible fruit.

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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening. Attractive with dark green leaves and brilliant white flowers. 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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers. Sap is very poisonous, medicinal, striking structural plant.

Freylinia lanceolata *Honeybell Bush* SA Tree No. 670.1

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

Galpinia transvaalica *Transvaal Privet* SA Tree No. 523

Evergreen tree, (small), sun, shade, semi-shade, fragrant white flowers in Summer, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal 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 informal 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 informal hedging/screening, 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, for informal hedging/screening. Wood hard and fine grained, medicinal and magical. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Lovely drooping habit, excellent garden subject, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. 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, for informal hedging/screening, 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 informal 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, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening. It enjoys cold and temperate areas with moderate rainfall. Ideal tree 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 informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Decorative small tree, medicinal. Ideal tree 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, bonsai, aggressive roots. Edible fruit, protected in South Africa, medicinal, fine wood for turning.

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, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, 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, semi-shade, cream/yellow flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for informal hedging/screening, 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 informal hedging/screening, 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, for informal hedging/screening. 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, for informal hedging/screening. 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 - insect eaters, attracts butterflies, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Pretty in flower. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Portulacaria afra *Elephant's Foot* SA Tree No. 104
Evergreen tree, (small), fast growing, sun, fragrant pink flowers in Spring, attracts mammals, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai. Leaves browsed by game and eaten by children, controls soil erosion. Ideal tree 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. Good near fish ponds, medicinal, glossy leaves used in beer and wine making, protects against lightening.

Rhus crenata *Dune Crow-Berry* SA Tree No. 380.1
Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, for informal hedging/screening. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Rhus lancea *Karee* SA Tree No. 386
Evergreen tree, (medium), frost resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Good shade, and street tree. Ideal tree for small gardens.

Rhus lucida *Glossy Currant* SA Tree No. 388.1

Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, for informal hedging/screening. Leaves often orange, strong hard wood. 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 informal hedging/screening, containers, aggressive roots. Used for rope, seeds are ground into flour and made into patties, which are roasted, do not plant near walls.

Tarchonanthus camphoratus *Camphor Bush*

SA Tree No. 733, Evergreen tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, cream flowers in Autumn, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, bonsai aggressive roots. Wood used for musical instruments, medicinal, controls soil erosion.

Vepris lanceolata *White Ironwood* SA Tree No. 261

Evergreen tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Porcupines eat the bark, medicinal, timber. Ideal for small gardens.

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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 - used by aquatic birds, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, containers, aggressive roots. Use as a nurse plant to protect other plants in very cold areas, magical.

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 informal 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.

Diospyros lycioides var guerkei *Transvaal Bluebush*

SA Tree No. 605.2, Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, cream flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, containers, bonsai, non-aggressive roots. One of the most widely distributed plants in South Africa, roots produce brown dye, medicinal. 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Branches used for bows and fishing baskets, strong wood, medicinal and magical. Edible fruit. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, sun, pink flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. A garden must! Edible fruit. Used to make beer. Bark - shampoo prevents grey hair, magical and medicinal. 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, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Street tree with attractive fruit, wood for furniture, medicinal. Attracts the Garden Acraea butterfly.

Rhus pendulina *White Karee* SA Tree No. 396

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow/green flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for informal hedging/screening, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, popular street tree, has 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 - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, non-aggressive roots. Useful Highveld specie for a game farm.

Ziziphus mucronata *Buffalo Thorn* SA Tree No. 447

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect fruit and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Free State, important medicinal and magical tree, edible fruit.

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GROUNDCOVERS

Asparagus virgatus *Broom Asparagus*

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

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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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers. Leaf sap for burns, medicinal.

Aloe ferox *Bitter Aloe*

Evergreen shrub, (3m x 1m), fast growing, sun, orange flowers in Winter, attracts birds - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for thorny security barriers, containers. Single-stemmed. Beautiful orange-red flowers. Healing sap. Exported for medicine trade. Ideal for small gardens.

Aloe globuligemma *Knoppiesalwyn*

Evergreen shrub, (1m x 1m), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, red-white flowers in Winter, attracts birds - insect and nectar eaters, attracts butterflies, for thorny security barriers, containers. Beautiful bluish leaves and striking flowers. 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 - insect and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, for thorny security barriers, containers. Striking single stem, roots produce dye, children suck nectar from the flowers. Ideal for small gardens.

EVERGREEN TREES

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, for formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, 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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security 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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security 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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers. Beautiful in flower, fast screen, edible fruit said to cause or cure hiccups.

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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security 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.

Dovyalis zeyheri *Wild Apricot* SA Tree No. 511

Evergreen tree, (medium), sun, greenish/yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Good for pools/paving. Edible fruit.

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 informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, containers. Sap in very poisonous, medicinal, striking structural plant.

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, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, non-aggressive roots. Protected in South Africa, fruit edible and highly nutritious, leaves for baskets and mats, sap trapped for wine making.

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, for thorny security barriers. Browsed by game, edible fruit, leaves used medicinally. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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DECIDUOUS TREES

Acacia abyssinica *Nyanga Flat Top* SA Tree No. 187
Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for thorny security barriers. Has a flat crown with beautiful flaky bark.

Acacia albida (was Faidherbia albida) *Ana Boom*
SA Tree No. 159, Deciduous tree, (large), frost resistant, sun, yellow flowers in December, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for thorny security barriers, containers, aggressive roots. Bark strips are used as dental floss, medicinal and fish poison. Edible gum and fruit.

Acacia ataxacantha *Flame Thorn* SA Tree No. 160
Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, fast growing, sun, white flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, for thorny security 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for thorny security 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for thorny security 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 - used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for thorny security 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 - used for nesting sites, for thorny security 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for thorny security 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, for thorny security barriers, 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for thorny security barriers, containers, aggressive roots. Medicinal properties, bark used to tan leather red, firewood, gum eaten by bush babies, seeds are a coffee substitute.

Acacia mellifera *Black Thorn* SA Tree No. 176

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, white/pink flowers in Spring, attracts birds - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for thorny security barriers, 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for thorny security barriers. 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts mammals, for thorny security 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 - insect eaters, used for nesting sites, for thorny security barriers. Attractive grey-green, velvety leaves. Ideal tree for small gardens.

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 thorny security 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 thorny security 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 thorny security barriers, 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, thorny security barriers, containers, non-aggressive roots. Medicinal bark, edible gum, timber for boxwood.

Dichrostachys cinerea *Sickle Bush* SA Tree No. 190

Deciduous tree, (small), drought resistant, sun, pink/yellow flowers in Spring, for thorny security barriers. Durable hard wood, leaves, roots and bark are used medicinally, firewood.

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 formal pruned hedging, informal hedging/screening, thorny security 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, for thorny security barriers, aggressive roots. The bark is medicinal, traditionally planted after birth of a son, lucky beans.

Rhus pyroides *Fire Thorn* SA Tree No. 392

Deciduous tree, (small), frost resistant, drought resistant, fast growing, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect and fruit eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, non-aggressive roots. Useful Highveld specie for a game farm.

Ziziphus mucronata *Buffalo Thorn* SA Tree No. 447

Deciduous tree, (medium), frost resistant, drought resistant, sun, yellow flowers in Summer, attracts birds - insect fruit and nectar eaters, used for nesting sites, attracts butterflies, mammals, for informal hedging/screening, thorny security barriers, non-aggressive roots. Protected in Free State, important medicinal and magical tree, edible fruit.

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