

Recommended Trees for Planting in Urban Settings

DEVELOPMENT FACT SHEET

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Introduction

Planting trees in your yard not only enhances your surroundings but also supports the urban greening of the City of Marion.

New tree planting is also a requirement for new infill developments, and where regulated or significant trees are being removed.

This fact sheet introduces a variety of popular Australian native and ornamental trees to help you find the perfect match for your property. While this guide offers a great starting point, be sure to consult your local garden centre for expert advice on the best choices for your specific needs.

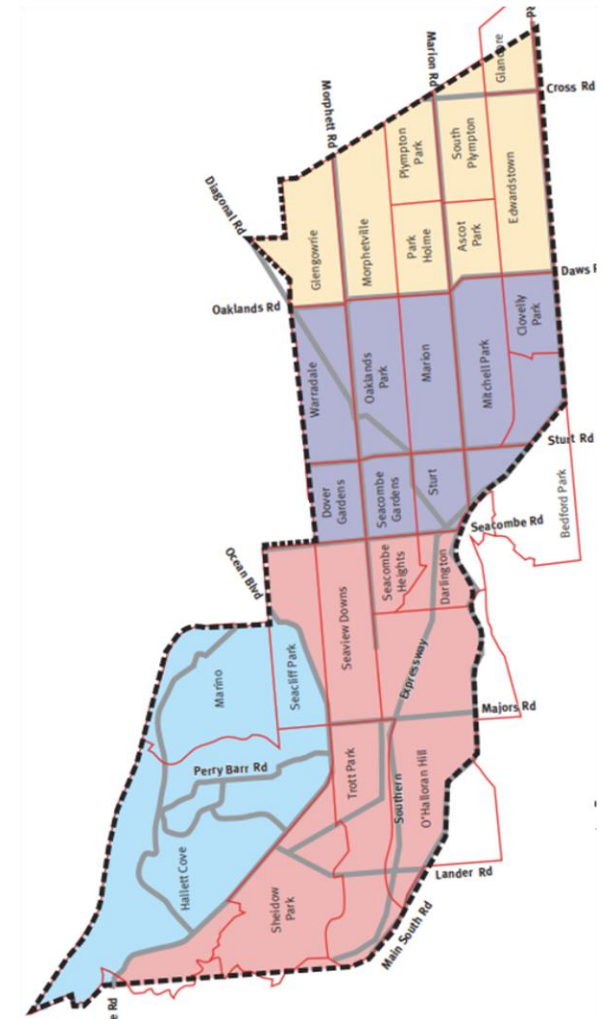
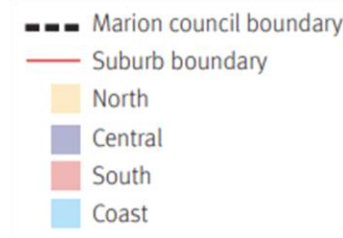
Street Character Zones

The suggested lists align with tree species recommendations within the [City of Marion Tree Asset Management Plan 2024-2034](#). The Asset Management Plan divides the council area into four distinct zones based on local character, soil conditions, climate and rainfall.

For best results we encourage you to choose species suited to the zone in which your property is located.

You can also find more information on how best to purchase, plant and maintain your trees and plants on [Council's website](#).

Planting zones across the Council Area



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NORTH ZONE

SMALL - up to 4m

Crepe Myrtle

Lagerstroemia sp.



V-shaped form
Vibrant fuchsia/red
flower clusters,
foliage orange
through autumn

Grows 3 m

Deciduous

Harkness Bottlebrush

Callistemon 'Harkness'



Small, compact
shrub with bright red
bottlebrush flowers

Grows to 2-4 m

Evergreen

Dwarf Apple

Angophora hispida



Small tree with heart-
shaped leaves and red
bristly hairs on new
growth.

Grows to 4-7 m

Evergreen

Purple Leaf Flowering Plum

Prunus cerasifera 'nigra'



A small, ornamental
very dark purple
summer foliage.
Single pink flowers in
spring

Grows to 2-4 m

Deciduous

MEDIUM - 4m - 6m

Willow Myrtle

Agonis flexuosa



Small - medium
drooping, willow-
like leaves and
clusters of small
white flowers.

Grows to 5 - 10 m

Evergreen

Chinese Pistachio

Pistacia chinensis



Medium-sized tree
with pinnate leaves
that turn red in
autumn.

Grows to 8-15 m

Deciduous

Red cottonwood, native hibiscus

Hibiscus tiliaceus



Hardy tree with a broad
low crown, large heart-
shaped leaves and bright
sunny yellow flowers.

Grows to 5 - 8 m

Evergreen

Golden Rain Tree

Koelreuteria sp.



Small tree. Serrated,
green leaves and
drooping branches
weeping effect.

Grows to 5 - 8 m

Deciduous

LARGE - 12m +

European Hackberry

Celtis australis



Large, hardy tree
with rough bark
and small, dark
green leaves.

Grows to 12 - 20 m

Deciduous

Jacaranda

Jacaranda mimosifolia



Medium- Large sized
tree with fern-like
leaves and purple
flowers.

Grows to 10-15 m

Deciduous

Claret Ash

Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywood'



Medium- Large sized tree
with dark green leaves
that turn claret red in
autumn.

Grows to 10-15 m

Deciduous

Goolwa Gem Yellow Gum

Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Goolwa Gem'



Medium - large tree
with yellow flowers
and smooth bark.

Grows to 10-15 m

Evergreen

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CENTRAL ZONE

SMALL - up to 4m

Dwarf Yellow Bloodwood

Corymbia eximia 'nana'



A small tree with strong green foliage, cream flowers and gnarled trunk

Grows 4-6 m

Evergreen

Wilga Tree

Geijera parviflora



Small tree with weeping branches and fragrant leaves

Grows to 4-10 m

Evergreen

Crepe Myrtle

Lagerstroemia sp.



V-shaped form Vibrant fuchsia/red flower clusters, foliage orange through autumn

Grows 3 m

Deciduous

Chinese Tallow Tree

Triadica sebiferum



Small tree heart-shaped green leaves that turn crimson, yellow, and orange in autumn.

Grows to 4-10 m

Deciduous

MEDIUM - 4m - 6m

Willow Myrtle

Agonis flexuosa



Small - medium drooping, willow-like leaves and clusters of small white flowers.

Grows to 5 - 10 m

Evergreen

Chinese pistachio

Pistachia chinensis



Small - medium tree known for its vibrant autumn colours. white flowers

Grows to 5 - 8 m

Deciduous

Red cottonwood - Native hibiscus

Hibiscus tiliaceus



Hardy tree with a broad low crown, large heart-shaped leaves and bright sunny yellow flowers.

Grows to 5 - 8 m

Evergreen

Chantideer Pear

Pyrus calleryana 'Chantideer'



Medium-sized tree with white flowers and glossy green leaves.

Grows to 8-12 m

Deciduous

LARGE - 12m +

Spotted Gum

Corymbia maculata



Tall, large tree with smooth, mottled bark and lance-shaped leaves.

Grows to 12-20 m

Evergreen

European Hackberry

Celtis australis



Large, hardy tree with rough bark and small, dark green leaves.

Grows to 20-25 m

Deciduous

Goolwa Gem Yellow Gum

Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Goolwa Gem'



Medium - large tree with yellow flowers and smooth bark.

Grows to 10-15 m

Evergreen

Yellowbox

Eucalyptus melliodora



Medium to Large with unusual bark which varies from smooth to rough

Grows to 10-15 m

Evergreen

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SOUTH ZONE

SMALL – up to 4m

Wilga Tree

Geijera parviflora



Small tree with weeping branches and fragrant leaves

Grows to 4-10 m

Evergreen

Crepe Myrtle

Lagerstroemia sp.



V-shaped form
Vibrant fuchsia/red flower clusters, foliage orange through autumn

Grows 3 m

Deciduous

Evergreen Ash

Fraxinus griffithii



Fast growing, drought tolerant, leaves that are green and shiny on the top and hairy silver coloured underneath.

Grows 4-8 m

Deciduous

Bella pink Brachychiton

Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius



small to medium sized green foliage and pretty clusters of pink, bell-shaped flowers in Summer

Grows 4-8 m

Evergreen

MEDIUM - 4m - 6m

Willow Myrtle

Agonis flexuosa



Small – medium drooping, willow-like leaves and clusters of small white flowers.

Grows to 5 - 10 m

Evergreen

Tuckeroo

Cupaniopsis anacardoides



Medium sized coastal tree with glossy leaves and small yellow flowers.

Grows to 8-15 m

Evergreen

Golden Rain Tree

Koelreuteria sp.



Small tree. Serrated, green leaves and drooping branches weeping effect.

Grows to 5 - 8 m

Deciduous

Chinese Elm

Ulmus parvifolia



A fast growing, with a broad vase-shape Small dark green leaves.

Grows 5-12 M

Semi Deciduous

LARGE – 12m +

European Hackberry

Celtis australis



Large, hardy tree with rough bark and small, dark green leaves.

Grows to 10-20 m

Deciduous

Goolwa Gem Yellow Gum

Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Goolwa Gem'



Medium - large tree with yellow flowers and smooth bark.

Grows to 10-15 m

Evergreen

Coral Gum

Eucalyptus torquata



Medium - Large tree with coral-Coloured flowers and rough bark.

Grows to 6-10 m

Evergreen

Claret Ash

Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywood'



Medium- Large sized tree with dark green leaves that turn claret red in autumn.

Grows to 10-15

Deciduous

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COASTAL ZONE

SMALL – up to 4m

Wilga Tree

Geijera parviflora



Small tree with weeping branches and fragrant leaves

Grows to 4-10 m

Evergreen

Harkness Bottlebrush

Callistemon 'Harkness'



Small, compact shrub with bright red bottlebrush flowers

Grows to 2-4 m

Evergreen

Kings Park Special Bottlebrush

Callistemon 'Kings Park Special'



Vigorous, small shrub with large, bright red bottlebrush flowers.

Grows to 2-4 m

Evergreen

Red cottonwood, native hibiscus

Hibiscus tiliaceus



Hardy with a broad low crown, large heart-shaped leaves and yellow flowers.

Grows to 5 - 8 m

Evergreen

MEDIUM – 4m – 6m

Willow Myrtle

Agonis flexuosa



Small – medium drooping, willow-like leaves and clusters of small white flowers.

Grows to 5 - 10 m

Evergreen

Drooping Sheoak

Allocasuarina verticillata



Medium tree with drooping branchlets and fissured bark. Leaves are reduced to scales.

Grows to 5-9 m

Evergreen

Tuckeroo

Cupaniopsis anacardoides



Medium sized coastal tree with glossy leaves and small yellow flowers.

Grows to 6-15 m

Evergreen

Todd Chinese Elm

Ulmus parvifolia 'Todd'



Medium-sized tree. Suitable as a shade tree with serrated leaves and exfoliating bark.

Grows to 6-15 m

Deciduous

LARGE – 12m +

Mallee Box

Eucalyptus porosa



Medium - Large tree with rough bark, Cream flowers and glossy green leaves.

Grows to 10-15 m

Evergreen

Coral Gum

Eucalyptus torquata



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Grows to 6-10 m

Evergreen

Goolwa Gem Yellow Gum

Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Goolwa Gem'



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Evergreen

European Hackberry

Celtis australis



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Deciduous