

Micromelum minutum

Lime Berry

Shrub to small tree to 7m. Responds well to warm position, good drainage, water and fertilizer. Masses of orange/red fruit and large clusters of sweetly perfumed white flowers can occur at the same time. Leaves up to 45 cm long. The fruit is loved by birds and the flowers attract butterflies and other insects. Attractive ornamental tree especially when young

Orthosiphon aristatis

Cat's Whiskers

Fast growing, perennial bush to 1-2m. It likes a sunny, well-drained location, and is drought-tolerant but flowers better if the soil around it is kept constantly moist. It responds well to pruning. Spikes of white tubular flowers, with exceptionally long stamens (like a cat's whiskers), are borne in summer and autumn. It is very ornamental when in flower, and is attractive to bees, butterflies and some birds. Frost sensitive but grows easily from cuttings. Much used in traditional medicine in Asia.

Pavetta australiensis

Butterfly Bush

A dense understorey shrub with glossy dark-green leaves. Will grow and flower both in full sun and in places where it gets a lot of shade. The clusters of white flowers appear in spring and summer and are butterfly-attracting. It produces black berries in late summer. Grows quickly to 3m. in well-watered position, but remains smaller where water is scarce. Once established

will thrive with no watering at all. It can be pruned to appropriate size for its position. It is frost tolerant.

Waterhousea floribunda (dwarf)

Weeping Lilly Pilly

Medium evergreen tree with domed form. An attractive tree with lustrous, dark green foliage and with pendulous branchlets. Although tolerant of extended dry periods once established it prefers moist soils. Flower and fruit attract birds and insects. White paniced flowers appear from late spring to mid summer followed by round reddish fruits up to 2cm. Will grow well in light shade. Prone to scale infestations. Good screen plant but requires pruning/hedging at least twice a year. Fruit litter is not as problematic as other Lilly Pillies.

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More Rainforest Plants for the Home Garden



Pavetta australiensis Butterfly Bush

Always read the label carefully before planting. While most labels are accurate about sun/shade, shelter, and other needs, the size to which the plant will grow is not always noted. Our excellent soils and high rainfall encourage plants to grow far beyond expected size. Even some described as shrubs can grow into large trees. All of the species in this brochure are part of our collection and can be viewed. Contact Pat on 6629 1435 for location of plants in the Gardens or for advice.

Acronychia laevis

Hard Aspen Glossy Acronychia

Shrub or small tree, a member of the citrus family, grows to 10 m. Its cream flowers appear in summer. Fruit very attractive square-lobed pink/purple abundant in autumn - edible but not pleasant. Needs some moisture and partial shade. Grows well at forest edges and along water courses, and is fire retardant. Is a food plant for the larvae of the Orchard Swallowtail butterfly.

Callicarpa pedunculata

Velvet Leaf

A deciduous shrub of the forest edges, grows to 3 metres but can be pruned back in early spring. Best in partial shade or full sun. Prefers moist well drained soil. It flowers in summer and produces masses of small purple berries in autumn which make a great display and stay on the plant for a long time. A relative of the introduced Lantana, this shrub is a Chinese Medicinal herbal and all parts of the plant are used for medicinal purposes.

Crinum pedunculatum

Swamp Lily

This hardy plant may reach 2 m with 2-3 metre spread. It makes a great feature plant for the home garden and can be grown in full sun to half shade or more. It tolerates poor drainage and clay soils, and can be planted successfully under established eucalypts or in coastal areas. It is frost tolerant and will do well in a container. The leaves are strappy and up to 2m long by 15cm wide. The large white perfumed flowers, occur from

November to March, in clusters. It is susceptible to caterpillars of the moth *Spodoptera picta* which may demolish a young plant very quickly. Also may need protection from snails and slugs.



Hibiscus splendens Pink Native Hibiscus

Eupomatia laurina

Bolwarra, Copper Laurel, Native Guava

Attractive shrub or small tree to 5m with glossy leaves which turn copper coloured in cold weather. Can be pruned to more compact shape. Very beautiful perfumed creamy white flowers in early summer. The edible urn shaped fruit, up to 2cm, ripens in winter. Likes moist well drained soil, and shady areas. Does well along watercourses. Can be grown in a pot. It is frost sensitive.

Hibbertia scandens *Golden Guinea Vine;*

Climbing Guinea Flower; Snake Vine

This plant is a vigorous climber, growing up to 5m. The large buttercup yellow flowers occur throughout the year but are best in late

Spring and Summer. Will tolerate a wide range of climates, including exposure to salt-laden winds. It flowers best in full sun but will thrive in semi-shaded areas. Likes well drained soil and will tolerate moderate frost. Excellent screening plant on walls or fences, can smother other smaller plants if not kept in check.

Hibiscus splendens

Pink Native Hibiscus

A bush or small tree up to 6 metres. The cylindrical trunk is covered in sharp prickles, as is most of the plant. Light green lobed leaves are 7 to 20 cm long. The spectacular pink coloured flowers are around 7 cm long, and make a brilliant display in spring and early summer. A very fast growing, though short lived plant which, because of its irritating hairs needs to be planted away from paths and handled very carefully. Can be pruned to size. A good starter plant in a large new garden.

Lomatia silaifolia

Wild Parsley

Attractive small shrub 1 to 2m. with pale green fern-like leaves and creamy white scented flowers in summer. Grows well in partial sun or shade. Likes well drained moist soil. Tolerant of heavy frost and dry periods once established. Fire tolerant and will reshoot from the lignotuber. Prune when young for bushier growth. Good as container plant and for cut foliage.