



This Red-browed Finch is enjoying the vista from a Grevillea

Some recommended plants

This list has been compiled by COG in consultation with the Australian Native Plants Society, Canberra Region Inc.

Note

* Species with forms native to Canberra region

Species requiring only minimal watering

Most species and hybrids of Acacia, Banksia, Callistemon, Calothamnus, Casuarina, Epacris, Eucalyptus, Grevillea, Hakea, Hibbertia, Leptospermum and Melaleuca attract native birds.

Nectar producing

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height/ (m)	Spread (m)	Flower, colour, season
Anigozanthos flavidus	Kangaroo Paw	1	0.5	pink-yellow-green, spring - autumn
Banksia ericifolia	Heath Banksia	4	3	gold, late autumn-winter
Banksia integrifolia	Coast Banksia	6	3	gold, autumn to spring
Banksia oblongifolia	Fern-leaved Banksia	1.5	1.5	yellow-green, autumn-winter
*Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia	5	3	yellow, late autumn-winter
Banksia paludosa	Marsh Banksia	1	1.5	green
#Banksia spinulosa	Hairpin Banksia	3	3	gold, late autumn-winter
Callistemon brachyandrus	Prickly Bottlebrush	3	2	red gold tipped, summer
Callistemon citrinus	Crimson Bottlebrush	4	2	crimson, spring & autumn
Callistemon salignus	Willow Bottlebrush	3-5	4	crimson, spring-summer

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Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottlebrush	5	3	red, summer-autumn
#Correa reflexa	Common Correa	1	1	green, orange or red, winter
Correa 'Mannii	Mann's Correa	0.5	2	dusky pink, autumn-winter
Correa 'Dusky bells'		1	2	pink, winter
*Epacris breviflora		1	1	white, spring
*Eucalyptus cinerea	Argyle Apple	10		white, spring summer
*Eucalyptus dives	Broad-leafed Peppermint	8		spring
Eucalyptus leucoxylon	Yellow Gum	10		red/pink white, autumn-winter
*Eucalyptus mannifera	Brittle Gum	10		autumn
*Eucalyptus nortonii	Mealy Bundy	8		autumn
Eucalyptus sideroxylon	Iron Bark	15		pink, winter
#Grevillea arenaria		2	2	red/yellow-green, spring-summer
#Grevillea baueri	Bauer's Grevillea	1	1	red/pink-white, winter-spring
#Grevillea juniperina	Prickly Grevillea	2	2	yellow to red, winter-spring
*#Grevillea lanigera	Woolly Grevillea	1	1	red/pink-white, winter-spring
Grevillea robusta	Silky Oak	15		gold, late spring
#Grevillea rosmarinifolia	Rosemary Grevillea	2	3	pink to white, winter-spring
Hakea petiolaris	Pin-cushion Hakea	5	2	red-white, autumn-winter
Lambertia formosa	Mountain Devil	2	1	Orange to red, most of year
Melaleuca armillaris	Bracelet Honey Myrtle	5	3	white, spring
*#Melaleuca parvistaminia	Swamp Paperbark	4-5	3	white, spring
Melaleuca lateritia	Robin Red Breast Bush	1	1	red, spring-summer
Melaleuca wilsonii	Violet Honey-myrtle	1	1	lilac to pink, spring
Melaleuca violacea		0.5	1.5	mauve, spring

Insect attracting

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height/ (m)	Spread (m)	Flower, colour, season
*Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Yellow Buttons	0.5		yellow, most of year
*Chrysocephalum semipapposum		1	1	yellow, summer-autumn
#Leptospermum laevigatum	Coastal Tea-Tree	5	3	white, spring-summer
*Leptospermum lanigerum	Woolly Tea-tree	3	3	white, summer
#Leptospermum scoparium	Manuka	3	2	white or pink, spring-summer
*#Olearia phlogopappa	Dusty Daisy-bush	1.5	1	various, summer
Olearea tenuifolia		1	1	blue-mauve, spring-summer

Fruit & Seed

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height/ (m)	Spread (m)	Flower, colour, season
*#Acacia lanigera	Woolly Wattle	2	2	golden, spring
*Acacia mearnsii	Green/Black Wattle	10		golden, spring
#Acacia retinodes		6	3	cream, winter-spring
*Allocasurina verticillata	Drooping She-oak	10		
*Callitris endlicheri	Black Cyprus Pine	10		
*Coprosma hirtella	Rough Coprosma	2	1.5	red fruits, summer

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*#Dianella revoluta	Flax Lily	1	1	blue, late spring-summer
*# Dianella tasmanica	Flax Lily	1	1	blue, late spring-summer
*#Dodonea viscosa	Native Hop-bush	2	1	green-red fruits summer
Einadia nutans		0.5		red or yellow fruits.
Enchylaena tomentosa		0.5	1	red or yellow fruits.
*Grasses / Sedges Themeda, Danthonia, Chionochloa, Poa, Gahnia, Juncus				

Shelter & Nesting

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height/ (m)	Spread (m)	Flower, colour, season
*Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	20		
*Callistemon pallidus	Lemon Bottlebrush	3	2	yellow, summer-autumn
Grevillea rivularis		2	4	pink, most of year
Grevillea shiresii		3	3	greenish-blue, winter-spring
*Hakea sericea	Silky Hakea	4	3	white or pink, winter-spring
*Kunzea ericoides	Burgan	4	4	white, spring-summer
Melaleuca linariifolia	Snow in Summer	10		white, spring-summer
*Clematis aristata	Old Mans Beard		Climber	white, spring
Pandorea pandorana	Wonga-wonga vine		Climber	variable, spring

Plants needing little water (additional to those indicated # above)

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Acacia acinacea	Gold dust Wattle	2	1.5	golden, spring
*Acacia buxifolia	Box-leaved Wattle	2	2	golden, spring
Acacia cultriformis	Knife leaf Wattle	2	2	golden, spring
Acacia decora	Graceful Wattle	2	3	golden, spring
*Acacia rubida	Red-stemmed Wattle	4		yellow, spring
Acacia spectabilis	Mudgee Wattle	5		golden, spring
*Acacia verniciflua	Varnish Wattle	4		yellow, spring
Acacia vestita	Hairy Wattle	4		yellow, spring
Allocasuarina nana	Stunted She-oak	2	2	
Baeckea virgata	Tall Baeckea	1-4	3	white, summer
Callistemon brachyandrus	Prickly Bottlebrush	3	2	red-gold, spring-summer
Callistemon macropunctatus	Scarlet Bottlebrush	3	3	red-gold, summer-autumn
Callistemon phoeniceus	Lesser Bottlebrush	2	1.5	brilliant red, summer
*Callistemon pinifolius	Pine-leaved Bottlebrush	1.5	1.5	green or red, summer
Calytrix tetragona	Fringe Myrtle	1.5	1.5	white to pink, spring-summer
Cassia artemisioides	Silver Cassia	2	1.5	yellow, spring-autumn

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<i>Cassia nemophila</i>	Desert Cassia	2	2	yellow, spring
<i>Correa calycina</i>		2	2	green-yellow, winter
<i>Correa glabra</i>	Rock Correa	2	2	green, winter
<i>Correa schlechtendalii</i>		2	1.5	red & green, winter
<i>Grevillea aspeniifolia</i>	Fern-leafed Grevillea	3	4	red, most of year
<i>Grevillea</i> 'Canberra Gem'		2	2	pink or red, spring
<i>Grevillea iaspicula</i>	Wee Jasper Grevillea	2	2	red & cream, spring-summer
<i>Grevillea lavandulacea</i>	Desert Grevillea	1		white to deep pink, most of year
<i>Grevillea sericea</i>	Pink Spider Flower	1	1	white to deep pink, most of year
* <i>Grevillea victoriae</i>		2	2	rusty red, winter-spring
<i>Grevillea</i> 'White Wings'		3	6	white, winter-spring
<i>Hakea gibbosa</i>		3	1.5	cream, spring
<i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	White Kunzea	3	2	white, spring-summer
* <i>Kunzea parvifolia</i>	Violet Kunzea	2	3	pink, summer
* <i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Long-leaf Mat Rush	1	1	yellow, spring
<i>Melaleuca decussata</i>	Totem-poles	2	2	off white, spring-summer
<i>Melaleuca hypericifolia</i>	Hillock Bush	6	3	rusty red, spring-summer
<i>Melaleuca incana</i>	Grey Honey Myrtle	3	2	cream, spring-summer
<i>Melaleuca micromera</i>		1.5	2	yellow, spring
<i>Melaleuca thymifolia</i>		1	0.5	white or mauve, summer
<i>Melaleuca wilsonii</i>	Violet Honey Myrtle	1-2	2	mauve-purple, spring
* <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>	Grass tree	Spike to 4	2	cream, spring

More reading and help

There are now several excellent books available on planning and caring for native gardens. The Australian Native Plants Society, Canberra Region Inc. sells a range of native plant publications and has frequent sales of cheap and hardy locally grown plants. Some ANPS members also undertake native garden planning and landscaping commercially.

- **Australian Plants for Canberra Region Gardens and other Cool Climate Areas**, Australian Native Plant Society, 4th Edition, Canberra 2001
- **The Australian Bird-Garden**, Graham Pizzey, Harper Collins, 2000
- **The Nestbox Book**, Gould League of Victoria, 1997
- **Attracting Birds to Your Garden**, John Dengate, New Holland, 2000
- **Australian Native Gardening Made Easy**, Dick Chadwick, 3rd Edition, Little Hills Press, 2006
- **Field Guide to the Native Trees of the ACT**, National Parks Assn (ACT), 1993
- **Australian Native Plants**, John Wrigley & Murray Fagg, 5th Edition, Collins, 2003

Websites

- Australian Native Plant Society Canberra Region: <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/>
- Australian Institute of Landscape Architects: <http://www.aila.org.au/canberragarden/>
- Australian National Botanic Gardens: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/>
- Gould League: <http://www.gould.edu.au/>