

Evergreen or deciduous trees around pools?

When buying a tree it is more important to select the right tree based on location, soil and position rather than if it is evergreen or deciduous. Here's why.



Ficus microcarpa hillii 'Flash'

This could be a tall spreading shade tree, but mostly we see this tree ordered for its thick foliage and suitability for instant hedging and screens. A small fast growing tree to 10m that can be clipped to the desired height. Great for around pools as it has minimal leaf drop with flowers that are small and nondescript. We have also found 'Flash' to show better tolerance of Melbourne winters.



Viburnum odoratissimum 'Awabuki' **SWEET VIBURNUM**

This is a stout tree best known for its beautiful white fragrant flowers borne in Spring and Summer. Berries are red turning to black. It has large glossy bright green leaves that are oval in shape. Fast growing species that can form a rounded shrub or small tree.



Pyrus nivalis **SNOW PEAR**

Pyrus nivalis has foliage which is slightly glaucous, giving the tree a soft, silvery green appearance when in leaf. The habit of the tree is easy to manage to form a trunk. They have a smaller leaf and look great planted for canopy layed in a garden with ficus or syzygium.



Syzygium australe 'Hinterland Gold'

An ideal native shrub for hedging and screens and a good selection for around pools. Compact glossy green foliage has an attractive copper hue on new growth. To control litter suppress berries by clipping the tree just before flowering. This is a great tree for dense privacy. For more selections [click here](#).



Laurus nobilis 'Miles Choice'

This Bay tree offers a more compact form and grows slightly smaller than the traditional Bay Tree to around 7m tall. It produces glossy dark green foliage. Leaves are fragrant and can be used in cooking.



Magnolia grandiflora 'Coolwyn Gloss'

This is a lovely tree to 10m tall which makes it ideal as a feature in a residential setting. It has beautiful glossy dark green leaves with velvety brown undersides and white fragrant flowers up to 30cm in diameter. We see this as an alternative to 'Exmouth' with a similar upright branching structure but with glossier green leaves.

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