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Heat Tolerant Versus Drought Tolerant Natives

Due to the hot Australian climate, it is misleading to think that all natives are both heat AND drought-tolerant. That is not the case. Understanding the difference between the two, highlights the importance of selecting landscaping trees to suit the design and planting location.



Tristaniopsis laurina 'DOW10' Luscious ® (D) LUSCIOUS KANOOKA GUM, WATER GUM

This is an improved variety of the regular Tristaniopsis laurina, a native Australian rainforest tree. Leaves are dark green, shiny and large - and as the name suggests, luscious in appearance! New growth starts out a distinctive copper colour and further interest appears over time with the branches developing deep purple coloured bark which peels back to reveal a smooth, cream trunk. Small trumpet like flowers are yellow and sweetly perfumed, appearing in clusters through summer.



Waterhousea floribunda 'ST1' Whisper (syn. Syzygium) WHISPER WEEPING LILLY PILLY

Unique to Speciality Trees and our best-selling and most popular tree! This is a versatile, bushy tree with a wonderful weeping habit making it perfect for large screening projects and the softening of fence lines. Propagated from Victorian mother-stock, unlike other Waterhousea, so responds better to all weather conditions, including cooler climates. New growth starts off pink and orange with leaves turning to various shades of green as the foliage matures. Foliage is maintained to the base of the plant giving a year-round lush, full appearance. It forms a small quantity of creamy-white flowers in summer. Berry production on 'Whisper' is unlike other Lilly Pillies, with minimal quantities of small green berries that, whilst bird attracting, these fruits are tucked in amongst the foliage and are not obvious.



Lophostemon confertusQUEENSLAND BRUSH BOX

A rainforest tree native to the North-Eastern parts of Australia, this is a fast growing tree which is rarely affected by pests and diseases. Dome-like in shape, it develops a very dense foliage cover of dark green, leathery leaves providing good shade for the summer months. This variety rarely sheds limbs and has salmon coloured bark which flakes off over summer revealing orange-brown tones on the trunk. Summer also brings clusters of small white flowers whose stamens give them a decorative fluffy appearance.



Corymbia maculata 'ST1' Lowanna COMPACT SPOTTED GUM

A special selection of Corymbia (syn. Eucalyptus), developed by and exclusive to Speciality Trees, from Sale in Victoria. This denser version of straight C. maculata, is smaller in height with distinctive feature bark. The spotted trunk is cream and grey. The foliage is dark green and it forms a dense canopy. It has small white flowers that are clustered together.



Corymbia citriodora 'Scentuous' (syn. 'Dwarf Pink') DWARF LEMON-SCENTED GUM

This is a slightly narrow-domed Corymbia (syn. Eucalyptus), developed by Speciality Trees, doesn't shed its branches. It has a smooth trunk that may be slightly mottled. The bark is a pinky-salmon in colour. Leaves are narrow and highly aromatic when crushed smelling strongly of lemon. This tree features lovely cream-coloured flowers in summer.



Eucalyptus scoparia WALLANGARRA WHITE GUM

This medium-sized Australian native tree originates from the elevated areas of the Wallangarra area in northern New South Wales. It is relatively fast growing with a short smooth trunk which is powdery white to grey in appearance and sheds. The broad, spreading crown has an open, weeping habit and bears narrow, shiny green leaves providing beautiful, dappled shade. In spring and summer, small white flowers appear followed by little oval gumnuts.



Banksia integrifolia COASTAL BANKSIA TREE

This distinctive native tree is found on the east coast of Australia. It has rough patterned bark and long green leaves with a silver underside. Pale yellow, cylindershaped flowers can be seen in summer to winter and can be up to 12cm long. The seed pods stay on the branch for long periods and look very ornamental.



Allocasuarina littoralis BLACK SHEOAK TREE

An erect conical shaped tree which has dark fissured bark which looks black at certain times of the year. This fast growing tree bears showy red male flowers in spring. The female has small spiky cones Disclaimer: The material contained on the Speciality Trees website is for general information only. Although much care has been taken to provide the information on its website, Speciality Trees does not warrant the accuracy, completeness or currency of this information and its suitability to your needs. All material listed on the Speciality Trees website, its associated links and product sheets are varieties either ready for sale or in production. This is an information source and not confirmation of availability. It is strongly recommended that users enquire about product availability independently of this source.