

Horse Friendly Trees

The decision behind choosing the right trees for horse paddocks and enclosures is more than just selecting something that is big and wide for shade. A huge consideration is the potential of certain trees to poison horses when foliage, branches, flowers or nuts are mistaken as food.



Betula pendula 'Moss White' **MOSS WHITE SILVER BIRCH**

Silver Birch is a popular deciduous tree that is available in multiple sizes. 'Moss White' begins with a grey trunk that eventually over time turns to white - quite a feature during winter when limbs are bare. Moss White is popular but we also have the more slender, upright form called *Betula pendula fastigiata*.



Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Cimmzam' **CIMMARON ASH**

This is a versatile deciduous tree that can be used in many commercial and residential applications where shade is required in summer. Autumn colour is sensational. Any Ash tree is considered safe for horses, so you also wish to consider evergreen Ash (*Fraxinus griffithii*), Claret Ash (*Fraxinus Raywoodii*) or *Fraxinus Pennsylvanica* 'Urbanite'.



Liriodendron tulipifera **TULIP TREE**

This is a beautiful tree with large leaves and a great shape for shade in summer. Fresh green foliage is home to yellowish flowers with an orange fleck in spring. These flowers resemble tulip flowers hence its name. We also grow a fastigiata form for narrower spaces, driveways and boundary fences.



Corymbia maculata 'ST1' Lowanna

COMPACT SPOTTED GUM

This is a selection of maculata from Sale Victoria, grown for its maculata attributes and smaller height - a real alternative for landscapes preferring a more compact trust-worthy native.



Lophostemon confertus

QUEENSLAND BRUSH BOX

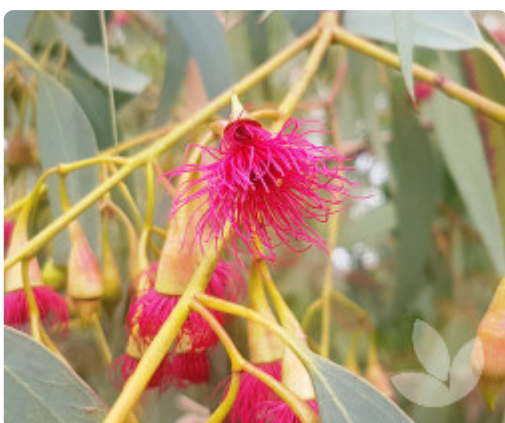
A rainforest tree native to the North-Eastern parts of Australia, this is a fast growing tree which is rarely affected by pests and diseases. Dome-like in shape, it develops a very dense foliage cover of dark green, leathery leaves providing good shade for the summer months. This variety rarely sheds 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.



Angophora costata

SMOOTH-BARKED APPLE MYRTLE, RUSTY GUM

This attractive Australian native Angophora (syn. Eucalyptus) is loved for its smooth bark that is slightly purple in colour. It has large and twisted limbs and a very large expanded trunk base. It bears white flower clusters in spring. This tree has opposite leaves compared to alternate leaves as seen in eucalypt tree varieties. It has beautiful red new growth.



Eucalyptus leucoxydon rosea

RED-FLOWERING YELLOW GUM

This tree has a smooth trunk with cream to grey coloured bark which sheds in flakes. It has narrow shaped green leaves and as it matures, forms a large open canopy. From Autumn to Spring, an abundance of red flowers appear in clusters of three attracting a variety of birdlife.



Eucalyptus polyanthemos

RED BOX

This Australian native tree grows naturally down the central tablelands of New South Wales to Victoria, and across as far as Ararat. A tough tree, it is capable of tolerating difficult, dry stony soils. Juvenile foliage is oval in shape and grey-green in colour whilst the mature, adult leaves are more ovate. The short trunk can be smooth or box-like (fissured). Flowering occurs from September to January during which small white flowers appear.



Corymbia citriodora

LEMON-SCENTED GUM

A beautiful, tall growing Corymbia (syn. Eucalyptus) with a distinctive, often powdery white to grey coloured bark which curls and flakes off in spring. Its leaves are green, long and slender with an amazing, strong lemon fragrance when crushed. Its strong scent is a distinguishing attribute, with the essential oils produced from this variety often being used in fragrances as well as insect repellents. In summer and autumn, feathery white flowers appear, making it a good source of food for honey bees.



Eucalyptus melliodora

YELLOW BOX

This tree is a medium to tall grower, best known for its unusual bark which varies from smooth to rough all the way down the trunk. Often the bark varies presenting an array of colours including grey, yellow, red and brown and occasionally, can be very dark and rough. Very fragrant, white flowers appear during the warmer months.

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