Plants for bees

**Acacia dealbata**  Silver Wattle
Fast growing tree 6-15m high. Widespread in wet and dry forests. Bright yellow blossoms in early spring. Good shelter and an important bird habitat tree.

**Acacia sophorae**  Coastal Wattle
Large spreading shrub or small tree to ~ 3m high. Found along coastal dunes. Tolerates coastal exposure and cold inland conditions but needs good drainage. Yellow flowers in Spring. Good screen or shelter plant.

**Acacia mearnsii**  Black Wattle
Fast growing tree to ~ 10m. Yellow flowers in spring. Prefers a dry location in full sun. Can withstand extended dry periods. Good shade/shelter tree.

**Acacia melanoxylon**  Blackwood
Large evergreen tree with a broad crown if grown in the open. Creamy yellow flowers in spring. Prefers a well drained position in full sun or semi-shade. Good timber, shade or shelter tree.

**Allocasuarina verticillata**  She Oak
Hardy, small tree with weeping branches to ~ 10m high. Common along coasts and on dry rocky slopes inland. Tolerates very dry conditions. Good shelter or specimen tree.

**Acacia verticillata**  Prickly Moses
A prickly shrub to ~3m. Common understorey shrub in wet and dry forests. Yellow flowers in spring. Prefers a moist, well drained location. Tolerates some shade. Good bird habitat.

**Anopterus glandulosus**  Native Laurel
Endemic rainforest shrub to ~3m. Large, glossy green leaves with white bell shaped flowers in spring. Requires a moist, shady location. Good container, fernery plant.

**Aotus ericoides**  Golden Pea
Small shrub to ~ 1m. Masses of golden yellow pea flowers with red centres in spring. Found in heathlands. Likes a sunny, moist, well drained spot. Very showy.

**Atherosperma moschatum**  Sassafras
A large, aromatic, smooth barked tree to ~10m. Sassafras leaves have a distinctive sarsaparilla-like smell and taste. White flowers in spring. Prefers a moist shady position.

**Banksia marginata**  Silver Banksia
Shrub or small tree ~3-10m x 2-5m. Attractive foliage, yellow flowers from spring to early winter. Adapted to winter wet / summer dry conditions, frost tolerant. Significant nectar producer.
**Banksia serrata  Saw Leaf Banksia**
Large shrub or small tree to ~ 6m high. Large yellow flower spikes from spring to autumn. Prefers well drained soil. Full sun or partial shade. Tolerates some coastal exposure. Significant nectar producer. One of Tasmania’s threatened species.

**Bauera rubiodes  Wiry Bauera**
A wiry dense shrub with long spreading branches ~ 1m x 1.5m. Attractive pink or white flowers in spring and summer. Prefers a moist to wet and lightly shaded position. A reliable understorey shrub.

**Bursaria spinosa  Prickly Box**
Hardy shrub to ~5m. White flowers in summer. Requires a well drained to dry location. Full sun or partial shade. Attracts butterflies and many other kinds of insects and is thus an excellent bird attractor.

**Callistemon pallidus  Lemon Bottlebrush**
Medium shrub ~ 2-5m x 1-3m with attractive foliage and lemon bottlebrush flowers in spring to summer. Adaptable to waterlogging, frost, wind, and dry spells. Full sun to partial shade. Good screen, shelter shrub, bird attractor.

**Callistemon viridiflorus  Green Bottlebrush**
Endemic bushy shrub ~1-3m x 1-2m with attractive foliage and lemon-green bottlebrush flowers in spring to summer. Prefers moist positions. Tolerates periodic waterlogging, wind, frost, full sun or partial shade. Good screen, shelter shrub, bird attractor.

**Carpobrotus rossii  Pigface**
Succulent ground covering plant spreading to ~1m. Common in coastal areas growing in sand or over rocks. Mauve flowers in spring/summer. Requires a well drained location in full sun or semi shade. Good rockery plant.

**Cyathodes glauca  Purple Cheesecake**
Endemic dense shrub ~ 1m + x 1m. White flowers in summer followed by very decorative purple (or pink / white) berries. Moist well drained soil, light shade.

**Dodonaea viscosa  Broad Leafed Hop Bush**
A bushy shrub to ~ 4m. Small flowers followed by dark red seed capsules on female plants. Prefers a dry well drained location. Good screen / shelter shrub.

**Epacris impressa  Common Heath**
Understorey / heath to ~ 60cm high. White, pink or red flowers in autumn/winter. Prefers a well drained location. Full sun or partial shade. Good bird attractor. Suitable container plant. Tip - prune regularly to maintain shape.

**Eucalyptus amygdalina  Black Peppermint**
Endemic, broad crowned tree ~ 10 to 20m high. Common dominant tree of dry forests. Drought and frost tolerant. Good windbreak / shelter / habitat tree.

**Eucalyptus coccifera  Snow Peppermint**
Endemic, smooth barked tree up to ~ 15m high. Common dominant tree of subalpine forests. With attractive trunk bark and foliage - a very ornamental tree.

**Eucalyptus delegatensis  Gum-topped Stringybark**
One of our giants, usually 20-40m, up to 90m high. Dominant tree of tall eucalypt forests in fertile mountain and subalpine habitats. Does best on cool, moist, well drained sites. Good windbreak / shelter / timber / habitat tree.
**Eucalyptus globulus**  Tasmanian Blue Gum
Attractive, fast growing tree 10-50m+ tall. Occurs in dry open forests mostly in the east coast region. Large white flowers in spring. Tolerates all but waterlogged conditions, sensitive to severe frosts. A beautiful tree which requires space. Tasmania’s floral emblem. Good bird attractor for nectar eating birds.

**Eucalyptus nitida**  Smithton Peppermint
An endemic tree variable in size but commonly ~10-20 m high. Common and dominant eucalypt forest tree in the western half of the state. Tolerates poor soils and extended wet periods. Good windbreak / shelter / habitat tree.

**Eucalyptus obliqua**  Brown-top Stringybark
A very vigorous tree growing ~ 20-40m + high. Dominates wet eucalypt forest on better soils. Prefers a moist well drained position. Good windbreak / shelter / habitat and timber species.

**Eucalyptus ovata**  Swamp Gum
A medium to large spreading tree ~10-30m high. Widespread in low-lying wet areas. Tolerates prolonged waterlogging, and heavy frost. Good windbreak / shelter / habitat tree.

**Eucalyptus pauciflora**  Cabbage Ash
A very attractive spreading tree ~10-20m high with beautiful deciduous bark. Common in dry open forest in areas that are cold, windy and dry. Tolerates extreme frosts and generally harsh conditions. Prune to achieve a multi-stemmed gnarled tree.

**Eucalyptus pulchella**  White Peppermint
Medium upright tree with white-grey deciduous bark and fine foliage, grows to ~ 9 – 20 m. Common on dry rocky sites in the east to south-east. A very attractive tree for larger gardens, parks and other landscapes.

**Eucalyptus regnans**  Giant Ash
Large tree to ~ 80m. The tallest hardwoods on earth are found in deep clay-loams on mountain slopes in eastern Victoria and Tasmania. Attractive deciduous bark shed in long ribbons. Highly valued timber tree.

**Eucalyptus sieberi**  Ironbark
Beautiful upright tree with a dark, deeply fissured bark and orange-red young stems, grows to ~ 15 – 30 m. Found on relatively dry, infertile soils in the north-east. Good shade / shelter tree, producing very durable timber.

**Eucalyptus subcrenulata**  Alpine Yellow Gum
Endemic, single or multi stemmed tree with a very colourful deciduous bark, grows to ~ 10 – 40 m. Found in the central and western sub-alpine regions. Prefers acid, moist but well drained soils. Amenity and shelter tree.

**Eucalyptus viminalis**  White Gum
Majestic upright tree ~20-40 m + high with attractive white shedding bark. A major species of dry open forests and woodlands. Tolerates most soils but requires good drainage. A tree important for wildlife and the rural landscape. Suitable for cut flowers and foliage. Good bird attractor.

**Eucryphia lucida**  Leatherwood Cream
An endemic small tree to ~5-8m. Variegated leaves, masses of fragrant, white flowers in summer. Prefers a moist, well drained position. Some shade. Good specimen tree or screen plant. Good nectar producer.

**Eucryphia milliganii**  Small Leaved Leatherwood
Endemic, slow growing, hardy shrub to ~ 3m. Found in the high rainfall west. Fragrant, white, nectar producing flowers in summer. Prefers a moist well drained location in semi shade or full sun. Excellent for low screens, specimen shrubs or containers.
**Gahnia grandis  Cutting Grass**
Large robust sedge with sharp leaves and attractive floral spikes, ~ 2-3m high. Common in wet forests and heaths. Tolerates frost, full sun or part shade. Useful for erosion control. Good bandicoot and frog habitat.

**Leptecophylla juniperina ssp. parvifolia  Mountain Pinkberry**
syn. Cyathodes parvifolia
Endemic, dense prickly shrub to ~ 1 m high. White flowers in spring followed by pink – red berries. Prefers moist well-drained soil, partial shade. Attractive garden feature or container plant.

**Leptospermum lanigerum  Woolly Tea Tree**
A hardy, medium to large shrub. Masses of white flowers in spring. Prefers moist to wet soil, frost tolerant, full or filtered sun. Good screen / shelter shrub.

**Leptospermum scoparium  Manuka**
A hardy shrub to ~ 3m. high. Masses of white flowers in spring and summer. Tolerates periodic wet and dry conditions. Tolerates frost. Full sun or partial shade. Good screen plant.

**Melaleuca ericifolia  Paper Bark**
A hardy, fast growing, large shrub / small tree ~ 4-8m.high. Masses of creamy white flowers in spring and summer. Prefers deep, moist soils. Tolerates boggy conditions. Good screen plant. Attracts nectar eating birds.

**Melaleuca squarrosa  Scented Paper Bark**
An erect shrub ~ 2-4m.high. Bottlebrush-like flowers in late spring / early summer. Prefers moist to wet conditions, full sun to partial shade. Good screen plant / nectar producer.

**Myoporum parvifolium  Creeping Boobialla**
Prostrate groundcover plant, spreading to 3 m +. In Tasmania found on Flinders I. only. Thrives in dry sandy or clay soils, full sun. Good to cover embankments, or trailing over walls.

**Nematolepis squamea ssp. squamea  Satinwood**
An attractive large shrub or small tree to ~ 5m. White flowers in spring Widespread in wet forests and along riverbanks. Prefers a moist location in semi-shade. Good hedge / screening plant.

**Olearia argophylla  Musk**
A large shrub to ~ 5m. Large dark green leaves silver beneath. Bunches of creamy white flowers in spring/summer. A common understorey plant of wet forests it prefers a well drained, moist and shady location. Good bird attractor.

**Pittosporum bicolor  Cheese-Wood**
A large shrub or small tree to ~ 4 - 8m. high. Small yellow and crimson, bell shaped flowers in spring and early summer. Prefers moist well drained soil and a shady position. Good hedge plant.

**Pomaderris apetela  Dogwood**
Large shrub or small tree to ~ 6m. Pale yellow flowers in summer. Found in wet forests. Prefers a moist well drained location. Good screen plant.

**Prostanthera lasianthos  Christmas Bush**
Attractive, evergreen shrub to ~ 5m. high. White / mauve flowers in summer. Requires moist well drained soil and a shady position.