

There are over 100 different plant communities on the Central Coast, with different combinations of plant species depending on soil type, topography and micro-climate.

Organic Matters can provide you with the right species for your area. This flyer talks about plant genera as there are many species and they vary considerably from Patonga to Ourimbah.

Acacia species **Wattles**

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susceptible to phytophthora, screen, hedge, heavy & clay soil - sandy soil, shady dry, dry conditions, sand binder, second line coastal, lime tolerant, quick growing, variegated foliage, interesting fruits, any of the small local wattles provide seed for birds and nectar for butterflies. The ones with dense foliage give shelter and nesting sites for small birds attract moths bees and ants.



Acmena & Syzygium **Lily Pillies** ☀️ 🌧️

❄️ 🦋 Seed Eaters, 🌱, Shade Tree Blend with

Exotics, Variegated Foliage, Berries, Drain Clogger, Smog Tolerant, Tolerant of Phytophthora, Screen, Hedge, Windbreak, Fire Retarder, Humus Rich Soil, Heavy & Clay Soil, Shady Moist, Sandy Soil, Second Line Coastal, Floral Art, Bonsai, Indoors,



Allocasuarina & Casuarina **She-Oaks** ☀️

🌧️ ❄️ 🦋 Seed Eaters, 🌱, 🌳, Windbreak, Heavy & Clay Soil, Sandy Soil, Dry Conditions, Sand Binder, Front Line Coastal Lime Tolerant, Quick Growing Bonsai, Shade Tree Interesting Foliage, Interesting Fruits, Salt Tolerant, Fodder, Shelter Tree, Erosion Control,



Banksia species **Banksias**

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🦋 Insect eaters 🦋 Seed eaters, interesting fruits. windbreak. heavy & clay soil - sandy soil, shady moist, shady dry, second line coastal, long flowering, cut flowers, floral art, bonsai, *Banksia* species are very important genus of plants for wildlife being a food source for birds animals and insects as well as providing nesting sites.



Callistemon species **Bottlebrushes** ☀️ 🌧️

❄️ 🌱 🦋 Honey eaters 🦋 Insect eaters,

weeping habit, blend with exotics, screen, wet winter- dry summer, heavy & clay soil - sandy soil, shady moist, second line coastal, red flowers, cut flowers, bonsai, Bottlebrushes attract nectar feeding seed insect and fruit eating birds plus butterflies and they are pollinated by native bees.



Eucalyptus species **Gum Tees** ☀️ 🌧️ ❄️ 🌱

🦋 Insect eaters 🦋 Seed eaters 🌱, 🌳, windbreak, heavy & clay soil - sandy soil, second line coastal, lime tolerant, quick growing, shade tree, interesting trunk, tolerant of phytophthora, all *Eucalyptus* species attract a wide range of wildlife. One reference said that the red leaves and stems of new growth contained toxins.



Ficus **Figs** ☀️ 🌧️ ❄️ 🌱 🦋

🦋 Seed Eaters, Shade Tree Interesting Foliage, Interesting Fruits, Humus Rich Soil, Heavy & Clay Soil, Shady Moist, Sandy Soil, Bonsai, Indoors,



Grevillea **Grevilleas** ☀️ 🌧️ ❄️ 🌱

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Hardenbergia violacea **Purple Coral Pea**

☀️ 🌧️ ❄️ 🌱 🦋 Insect Eaters, Smog Tolerant, Susceptible to Phytophthora, Ground Cover, Wet Winter- Dry Summer, Heavy & Clay Soil, Shady Dry, Sandy Soil, Dry Conditions, Second Line Coastal Lime Tolerant, Quick Growing, Winter Flowering, Cascading, Climber,

