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Native plant community lists

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This quick guide will help you get started with biodiversity and ecological planning on your property. It provides native plant community lists relevant to Northern Tasmania and resources to help you identify the natural vegetation communities and ecological values that may occur on your property.

Background information

The native plant community lists and associated species below have been tailored to the Tasmanian context, with a focus on Northern Tasmania. They highlight species recorded in local vegetation communities, potential availability through Tasmanian native plant nurseries and seed suppliers, insectary benefits, and potential suitability for planting in and around vineyards.

Availability varies between nurseries and seasons. Contact your local native plant nursery or seed supplier well in advance and consider pre-ordering during winter for collection in May or June the following year.

Where you are unsure which species to select, ask your nursery whether they can supply a mixed tray of locally appropriate species. Trial these in a small area, label them to create reference species and observe their establishment, growth and compatibility with vineyard operations before expanding the planting.

If you are new to using native plants in vineyards, start small. Focus on shrubs that grow naturally, or can be maintained through pruning, at less than 2.5 metres tall when planted near vineyard rows or adjacent to strainer posts (they may need to be trimmed). For undervine plantings, trial low-growing ground covers that remain below approximately 30 cm and can tolerate the site's conditions and vineyard management practices.

Plant a diversity of locally appropriate species to support functional biodiversity, including beneficial insects and other organisms that contribute to vineyard ecological function. Species selection should reflect local vegetation communities, soil type, drainage, frost exposure, water availability, fire risk and proximity to vines. For more information about insectary plants and their role in vineyards, refer to EcoVineyards fact sheets.

Native plant communities have been identified for each EcoGrower demonstration site, with a general list of additional species relevant to Northern Tasmania provided at the end of this guide. The guide also includes useful links to local native plant nurseries, native seed suppliers and revegetation or direct-seeding services. Species are presented alphabetically by genus within each plant-habit category.

Please use the plant information as a guide rather than a definitive planting prescription. The inclusion of a species does not confirm its presence on a particular property or guarantee commercial availability or suitability for every vineyard site. Check local provenance and seek advice from Tasmanian native plant practitioners, ecologists and experienced growers when selecting species, planting locations, spacing and establishment methods. Where possible, prioritise species sourced from appropriate local populations and ensure plantings complement existing native vegetation and the ecological values of the property.

Understorey Network – Municipality plant lists

The Understorey Network, in collaboration with NRM North, provides municipality-specific native plant lists to help guide local revegetation and ecological restoration. These lists can help you select locally appropriate species and identify potential planting options.

Vegetation communities

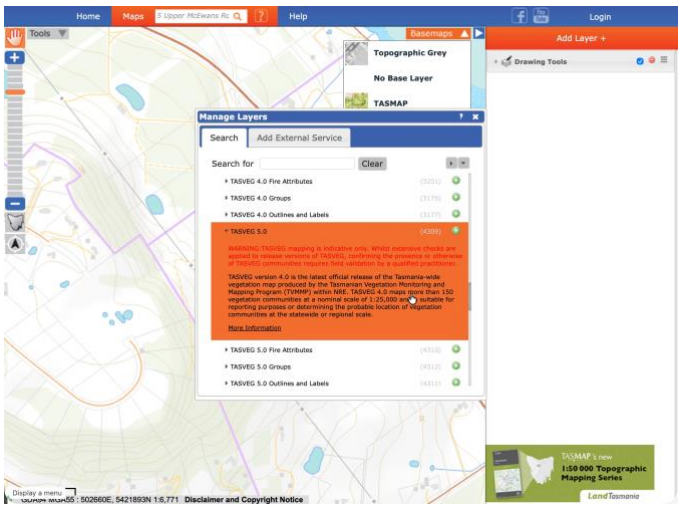
Tasmania's natural vegetation varies across its landscapes in response to climate, geology, landform, soils, drainage and elevation. Understanding the vegetation communities that occur naturally in your local area can help guide species selection and restoration planning.

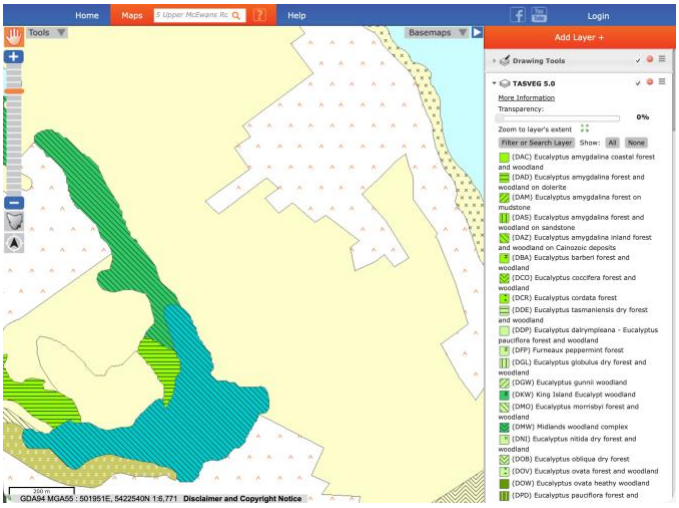
Tasmania uses the Tasmanian Vegetation Classification (TASVEG) to map and describe vegetation communities across the state. TASVEG provides a useful starting point for identifying the vegetation types that may have occurred historically, or that remain in and around your property. Local field assessments are recommended to confirm which communities are present and to guide appropriate management and revegetation.

Step #	Instructions
Step 1	**Open LISTmap.** Visit https://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au/listmap/app/list/map and search the property address. Zoom to the vineyard boundary and surrounding land.
Step 2	**Turn on TASVEG.** Add the TASVEG 5.0 vegetation-community layer. Use the layer legend to interpret the pattern and code. Move the TASVEG 5.0 transparency slider to 50% so you can still see the property boundaries.
Step 3	**Identify the polygon.** Use the map's identify tool and click the mapped patch. Record the Vegetation Community Group, Vegetation Community Code and Vegetation Community Description. Save a screenshot and note whether the polygon lies inside or outside the property boundary.
Step 4	**Read the official description.** Open NRE Tasmania's 'From Forest to Fjaeldmark: Descriptions of Tasmania's Vegetation (Edition 2)': https://nre.tas.gov.au/conservation/flora-of-tasmania/from-forest-to-fjaeldmark-descriptions-of-tasmanias-vegetation. Choose the relevant community PDF from the relevant group (dry eucalypt forest and woodland, non-eucalypt forest and woodland, or wet eucalypt forest and woodland etc).
Step 5	**Match the exact code.** Use the contents page and code index in the relevant PDF. Read the full community description, diagnostic species, structure, substrate/geology, distribution, condition and management notes. Do not select plants from the dominant tree name alone.
Step 6	**Cross-check local species lists.** Use Plants of Tasmania Nursery and Understorey Network Municipality plant lists. These are useful regional floras, not proof that every listed species belongs on this property.
Step 7	**Match species to the action area.** Choose species only after checking moisture, soil, exposure, frost, mature size, fire exposure, irrigation, stock access, vineyard machinery and pest-management compatibility. For creek and dam margins, match wetness and bank conditions; for undervine trials, prioritise low stature and tolerance of mowing/irrigation.
Step 8	**Verify before ordering.** Ask suppliers to confirm current stock, local provenance, botanical name, quantity, price, lead time and whether plants are tube stock or seed. The ^ and * symbols below indicate catalogue/list evidence, not guaranteed current stock.

Refer to the community-specific lists below for the EcoVineyards demonstration site or use LISTmap to identify vegetation communities and access a plant list for your property.

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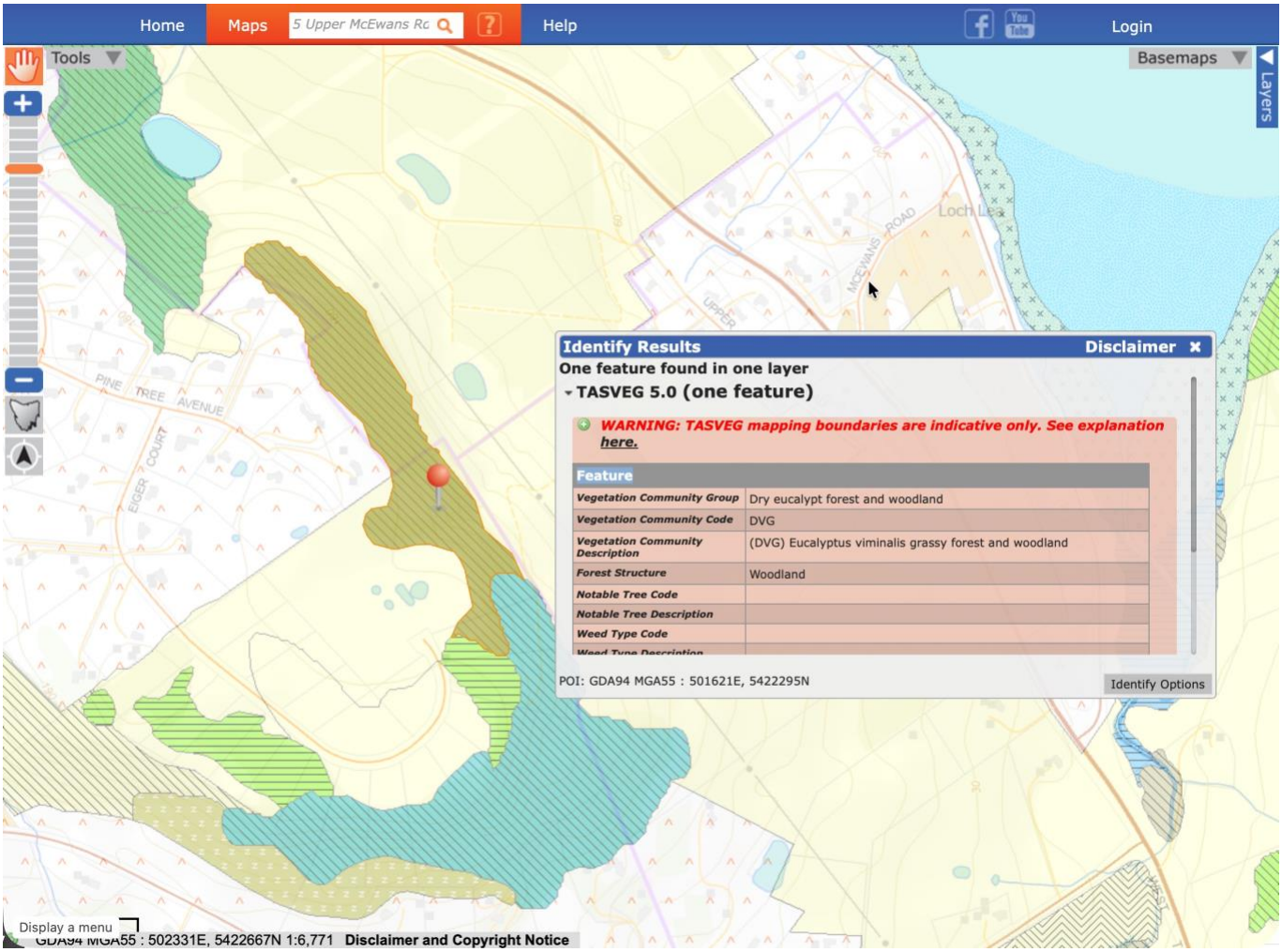


Figure 1. Vegetation community group screen grabs [LISTmap].

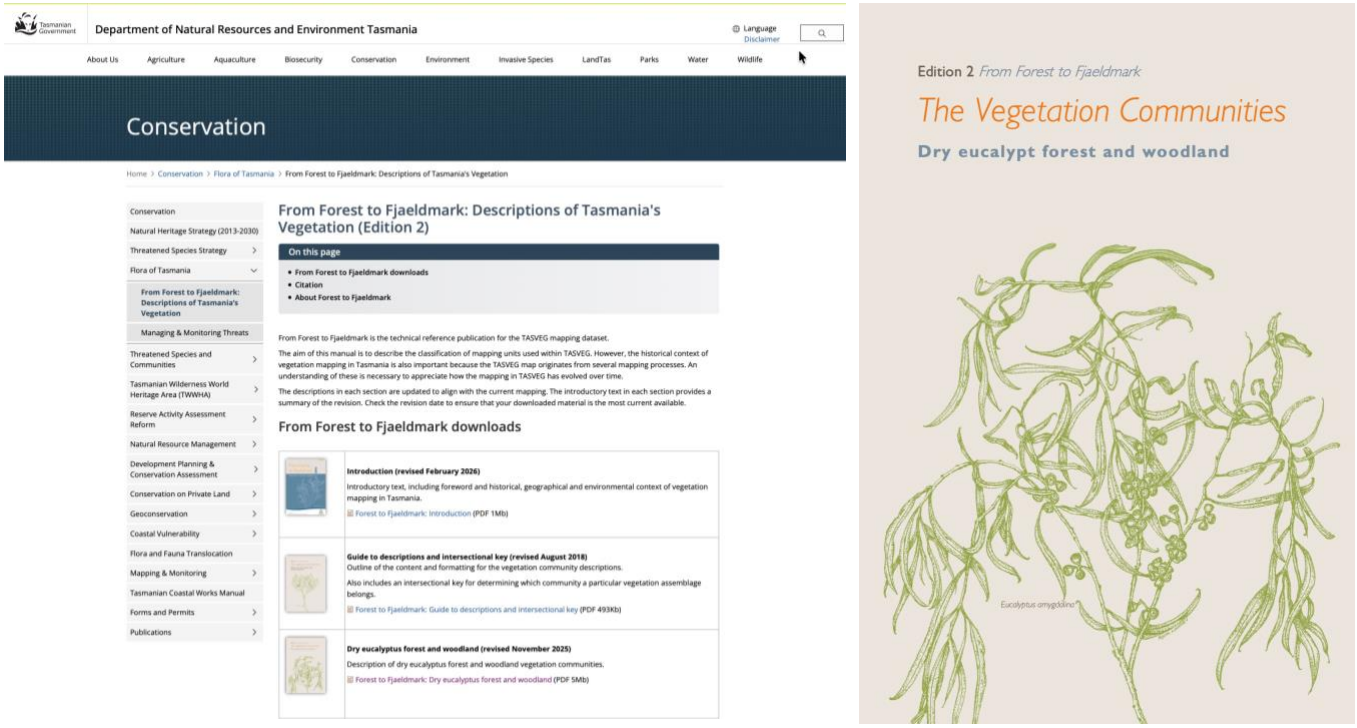


Figure 2. From Forest to Fjaeldmark screen grabs [https://nre.tas.gov.au/conservation/flora-of-tasmania/from-forest-to-fjaeldmark-descriptions-of-tasmanias-vegetation]

The candidate plant species lists associated with each plant community can be found via the From Forest to Fjaeldmark: Descriptions of Tasmania's Vegetation (Edition 2) website.

- Dry eucalyptus forest and woodland
  - *(DAD) Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest and woodland on dolerite
  - *(DVG) Eucalyptus viminalis* grassy forest and woodland
- Wet eucalypt forest and woodland
  - (WVI) *Eucalyptus viminalis* wet forest
- Non-eucalypt forest and woodland
  - (NBA) *Bursaria - Acacia* woodland

Additional local plant lists information can be found here:

- Launceston plant list
- West Tamar plant list

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(DAD) *Eucalyptus amygdalina* forest and woodland on dolerite

Description: Open forest or woodland dominated by *Eucalyptus amygdalina*, black peppermint on dolerite-derived soils, generally in relatively dry environments. The understorey can include native shrubs, grasses, sedges and herbs, with composition influenced by soil depth, exposure, fire history and grazing. This community can provide habitat for native birds, reptiles and invertebrates.[1]

EcoVineyards site: Utzinger Vineyard, Tamar Valley, Tasmania

Habit	Family	Genus	Species	Common name	Pollen	Nectar	Height (m)	Width (m)	Tolerance to frost	Flower colour	Flowering time
Tree	Proteaceae	*Banksia*	marginata^	silver banksia	yes	yes	2–8	1–5	resistant	yellow	spring–autumn
Shrub	Pittosporaceae	*Bursaria*	spinosa^	sweet bursaria	yes	yes	2–6	2–4	resistant	white	summer–autumn
	Ericaceae	*Epacris*	impressa^	common heath	yes	yes	0.3–1.5	0.5–1.2	resistant	pink, white red	autumn–spring
	Proteaceae	*Lomatia*	*tinctoria*^	guitar plant	yes	yes	1–3	1–2	resistant	cream pink	summer
	Fabaceae	*Pultenaea*	spp.	bushpea	yes	yes	0.3–2	0.5–2	resistant	yellow orange	spring
Ground cover	Convolvulaceae	*Dichondra*	*repens*^	tom thumb	yes	yes	0.02–0.1	0.5–2	resistant	green white	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Poa*	spp.	tussock grass	yes	no	0.2–1.2	0.3–1	resistant	green cream	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Rytidosperma*	spp.*	wallaby grasses	yes	no	0.2–0.6	0.1–0.3	resistant	cream	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Themeda*	*triandra*^*	kangaroo grass	yes	no	0.3–1.2	0.3–1	resistant	green cream	spring–autumn
Strap leaved	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*longifolia*^	spiny-headed mat-rush	yes	yes	0.5–1.2	0.5–1.2	resistant	yellow cream	winter–spring
Climber (outside vineyard)	Ranunculaceae	*Clematis*	spp.	clematis	yes	yes	1–5+	1–3	resistant	white cream	spring–summer

^ plants available commercially, * seed available commercially

[1] Kitchener, A. and Harris, S. (2013). From Forest to Fjaeldmark: Descriptions of Tasmania's Vegetation. Edition 2. Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania. https://nre.tas.gov.au/conservation/flora-of-tasmania/from-forest-to-fjaeldmark-descriptions-of-tasmanias-vegetation

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(DVG) *Eucalyptus viminalis* grassy forest and woodland

Description: Grassy forest or woodland dominated by *Eucalyptus viminalis*, white gum with a relatively open tree canopy and a ground layer of native grasses and herbs. Common components may include tussock grasses such as Rytidosperma species, alongside native daisies and other ground-layer plants. These communities are characteristic of relatively fertile, often dry sites and can support diverse grassland-associated flora and fauna.[2]

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Habit	Family	Genus	Species	Common name	Pollen	Nectar	Height (m)	Width (m)	Tolerance to frost	Flower colour	Flowering time
Shrub	Fabaceae	*Bossiaea*	*prostrata*^	creeping bossia	yes	yes	0.1–0.3	0.5–1.5	resistant	yellow, red	spring
	Pittosporaceae	*Bursaria*	*spinosa*^	sweet bursaria	yes	yes	2–6	2–4	resistant	white	summer–autumn
	Ericaceae	*Epacris*	*impressa*^	common heath	yes	yes	0.3–1.5	0.5–1.2	resistant	pink, white, red	autumn–spring
	Myrtaceae	*Leptospermum*	*scoparium*^	common tea-tree	yes	yes	1–4	1–3	resistant	pink, white, red	spring–summer
Ground cover	Convolvulaceae	*Dichondra*	*repens*^	tom thumb	yes	yes	0.02–0.1	0.5–2	resistant	green, white	spring–summer
	Violaceae	*Viola*	*hederacea*^	ivy-leaf violet	yes	yes	0.02–0.1	0.3–1.5	resistant	white, mauve	most of year
Strap leaved	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*longifolia*^	spiny-headed mat-rush	yes	yes	0.5–1.2	0.5–1.2	resistant	cream, yellow	winter–spring

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(WVI) *Eucalyptus viminalis* wet forest

Description: Forest dominated by *Eucalyptus viminalis,* white gum in comparatively moist environments. The understorey is generally more developed than in grassy woodland and may include shrubs, ferns, sedges and moisture-loving herbs. The species composition varies with drainage, soil conditions, elevation and disturbance history. This community can provide sheltered habitat and structural diversity for wildlife.[3]

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Habit	Family	Genus	Species	Common name	Pollen	Nectar	Height (m)	Width (m)	Tolerance to frost	Flower colour		Flowering time
Tree	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*verticillata*	prickly moses	yes	[1]yes	2–8	2–4	resistant	yellow		winter–spring
Shrub	Pittosporaceae	*Bursaria*	*spinosa*^	sweet bursaria	yes	yes	2–6	2–4	resistant	white		summer–autumn
	Asteraceae	*Cassinia*	*aculeata*^	dolly bush	yes	yes	1–3	1–2	resistant	cream	white	spring–summer
	Proteaceae	*Lomatia*	*tinctoria*^	guitar plant	yes	yes	1–3	1–2	resistant	cream	pink	summer
Climber (outside vineyard)	Ranunculaceae	*Clematis*	*aristata*^	mountain clematis	yes	yes	2–10+	1–3	resistant	cream	white	spring–summer

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Bursaria - Acacia woodland

Description: Open woodland characterised by scattered small trees and shrubs, particularly *Bursaria spinosa*, sweet bursaria and *Acacia* species, wattles, sometimes with *Dodonaea viscosa*, sticky hop bush. These form a variable canopy over a grassy ground layer that may include *Themeda triandra*, kangaroo grass and *Rytidosperma* species, wallaby grasses. It typically occurs on dry, low-altitude slopes in eastern Tasmania and the Midlands, often on previously disturbed or cleared land. The community can provide valuable flowering resources, refuge and habitat for native insects and birds.[4]

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Habit	Family	Genus	Species	Common name	Pollen	Nectar	Height (m)	Width (m)	Tolerance to frost	Flower colour	Flowering time
Shrub	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*mucronata*^	narrow-leaf wattle	yes	[1]yes	2–5	2–4	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*myrtifolia*^	myrtle wattle	yes	[1]yes	1–2	1–2	moderately sensitive	yellow	spring
	Pittosporaceae	*Bursaria*	*spinosa*^	sweet bursaria	yes	yes	2	1–3	resistant	white	summer–autumn
	Sapindaceae	*Dodonaea*	*viscosa*	broadleaf hopbush	yes	no	2–5	2–4	resistant	green	spring
	Goodeniaceae	*Goodenia*	*ovata*^	hop goodenia	yes	yes	1–2.5	1–3	moderately sensitive	yellow	spring–summer
	Fabaceae	*Pultenaea*	*juniperina*^	prickly beauty	yes	yes	0.5–2	0.5–1.5	moderately sensitive	yellow / orange	spring
Ground cover	Convolvulaceae	*Dichondra*	*repens*^*	tom thumb	yes	yes	0.05–0.15	0.5–2	resistant	greenish / white	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Poa*	*labillardierei*^	silver tussock grass	yes	no	0.3–1	0.3–0.8	resistant	green / brown	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Rytidosperma*	*caespitosum*^*	common wallaby grass	yes	no	0.2–0.8	0.1–0.4	resistant	cream	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Rytidosperma*	*setaceum*^*	small-flowered wallaby grass	yes	no	0.2–0.6	0.1–0.3	resistant	cream	spring–summer
Strap leaved	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*filiformis*^	wattle mat-rush	yes	yes	0.2–0.6	0.3–0.6	resistant	cream	spring
	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*longifolia*^	spiny-headed mat-rush	yes	yes	0.5–1	0.5–1.5	resistant	cream / yellow	winter–spring
Bulbs and lilies	Asphodelaceae	*Dianella*	*revoluta*^	spreading flax-lily	[2]buzz pollinated	yes	0.3–1	0.5–2	resistant	blue / violet	spring–summer

^ plants available commercially, * seed available commercially

[1] *Acacia* flowers do not produce nectar. However, the leaf and phyllode glands do secrete a nectar or sugary substance which bees, butterflies and other insects have been observed feeding on.

[2] Buzz pollination: Some native bees use a special pollination technique called 'buzz pollination' (sonication) i.e., the blue-banded bee, bangs its head on the flower's anthers 350 times a second to release the pollen.

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Generic list of available native plant species from local nurseries

This regional shortlist draws on species recorded in Tasmanian supplier/plant-list resources. It is designed as a starting point for Northern Tasmanian winegrowers, not a universal recommendation for every site. Species outside the immediate local vegetation context require provenance and suitability checks.

Habit	Family	Genus	Species	Common name	Pollen	Nectar	Height (m)	Width (m)	Tolerance to frost	Flower colour	Flowering time
Tree	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*dealbata*^*	silver wattle	yes	[1]yes	5–15	4–10	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*mearnsii*^*	black wattle	yes	[1]yes	5–15	4–8	resistant	yellow	spring–summer
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*verticillata*	prickly moses	yes	[1]yes	2–8	2–4	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Proteaceae	*Banksia*	*marginata*^	silver banksia	yes	yes	2–8	1–5	resistant	yellow	spring–autumn
Shrub	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*genistifolia*	spreading wattle	yes	[1]yes	1–3	1–2	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*gunnii*	ploughshare wattle	yes	[1]yes	0.3–1.5	1–2	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*mucronata*^	narrow-leaf wattle	yes	[1]yes	2–5	2–4	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*myrtifolia*^	myrtle wattle	yes	[1]yes	1–2	1–2	moderately sensitive	yellow	spring
	Fabaceae	*Acacia*	*verticillata*^*	prickly wattle / prickly moses	yes	[1]yes	2–8	2–4	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Fabaceae	*Bossiaea*	*prostrata*^	creeping bossia	yes	yes	0.1–0.3	0.5–1.5	resistant	yellow / red	spring
	Pittosporaceae	*Bursaria*	*spinosa*^	sweet bursaria	yes	yes	2	1–3	resistant	white	summer–autumn
	Asteraceae	*Cassinia*	*aculeata*^	dolly bush	yes	yes	1–3	1–2	moderately sensitive	white	spring–summer
	Rutaceae	*Correa*	*reflexa*	common correa	yes	yes	0.5–2	1–2	moderately sensitive	green / red	autumn–winter

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Shrub	Fabaceae	*Daviesia*	*ulicifolia*	leafy spiky bitter-pea	yes	no	1–3	1–2	resistant	yellow/red	spring
	Sapindaceae	*Dodonaea*	*viscosa*	broadleaf hopbush	yes	no	2–5	2–4	resistant	green	spring
	Goodeniaceae	*Goodenia*	*ovata^*	hop goodenia	yes	yes	1–2.5	1–3	moderately sensitive	yellow	spring–summer
	Myrtaceae	*Leptospermum*	*lanigerum*	woolly tea-tree	yes	yes	2–6	2–4	resistant	white	spring–summer
	Myrtaceae	*Leptospermum*	*scoparium*	common tea-tree / manuka	yes	yes	1–4	1–3	resistant	white/pink	spring–summer
	Myrtaceae	*Melaleuca*	*pallida*	lemon bottlebrush	yes	yes	1–3	1–2	moderately sensitive	yellow / cream	spring–summer
	Asteraceae	*Olearia*	*hookeri*	crimson tip daisybush	yes	yes	1–3	1–2	resistant	white	spring–summer
	Asteraceae	*Olearia*	*lirata^*	forest daisybush	yes	yes	2–5	1.5–3	moderately resistant	white	spring–summer
	Asteraceae	*Ozothamnus*	*ferrugineus^*	tree everlasting	yes	yes	2–5	2–4	resistant	white	spring–summer
	Fabaceae	*Pultenaea*	*juniperina^*	prickly beauty	yes	yes	0.5–2	0.5–1.5	moderately sensitive	yellow / orange	spring
Ground cover	Asteraceae	*Chrysocephalum*	*apiculatum^*	common everlasting	yes	yes	0.1–0.4	0.3–0.8	resistant	yellow	winter–spring
	Convolvulaceae	*Dichondra*	*repens^**	tom thumb	yes	yes	0.05–0.15	0.5–2	resistant	greenish / white	spring–summer
	Goodeniaceae	*Goodenia*	*lanata*	trailing native-primrose	yes	yes	0.1–0.5	0.5–1.5	moderately sensitive	yellow	spring–summer
	Fabaceae	*Kennedia*	*prostrata*	running postman	yes	no	0.1–0.3	1–2	resistant	red	spring–summer
	Campanulaceae	*Lobelia*	*pedunculata*	matted lobelia	yes	yes	0.02–0.15	0.5–1.5	resistant	blue	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Microlaena*	*stipoides**	weeping grass	yes	no	0.1–0.7	0.2–1	moderately sensitive	cream	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Poa*	*labillardierei^*	silver tussock grass	yes	no	0.3–1	0.3–0.8	resistant	green / brown	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Poa*	*rodwayi*	velvet tussock grass	yes	no	0.3–0.8	0.3–0.6	resistant	green / cream	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Poa*	*sieberiana*	velvet tussock grass	yes	no	0.3–0.8	0.3–0.8	resistant	green / cream	spring–summer

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Ground cover	Amaranthaceae	*Ptilotus*	*spathulatus*	pussy tails	yes	yes	0.1–0.4	0.2–0.5	resistant	pink	spring–summer
	Goodeniaceae	*Scaevola*	*hookeri*	creeping fan-flower	yes	yes	0.3	1	resistant	white / blue	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Rytidosperma*	*caespitosum*^	common wallaby grass	yes	no	0.2–0.8	0.1–0.4	resistant	cream	spring–summer
	Poaceae	*Themeda*	*triandra*	kangaroo grass	yes	no	0.3–1	0.3–0.8	resistant	green / cream	spring–autumn
	Violaceae	*Viola*	*hederacea*^	native violet	yes	yes	0.05–0.2	0.5–2	resistant	white / purple	most of year
	Asteraceae	*Vittadinia*	*muelleri*	narrowleaf New-Holland-daisy	yes	yes	0.1–0.5	0.2–0.6	resistant	mauve / purple	spring–summer
Strap leaved	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*filiformis*^	wattle mat-rush	yes	yes	0.2–0.6	0.3–0.6	resistant	cream	spring
	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*longifolia*^	spiny-headed mat-rush	yes	yes	0.5–1	0.5–1.5	resistant	cream	winter–spring
	Asparagaceae	*Lomandra*	*nana*	dwarf mat-rush	yes	yes	0.1–0.3	0.2–0.5	resistant	cream	spring
Sedges and rushes	Cyperaceae	*Baumea*	*juncea*	bare twig sedge	yes	no	0.3–1.2	0.3–1	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Cyperaceae	*Carex*	*longebrachiata*	drooping sedge	yes	no	0.3–1	0.3–1	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Cyperaceae	*Carex*	*tasmanica*	curly sedge	yes	no	0.2–0.6	0.2–0.5	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Cyperaceae	*Carex*	*tereticaulis*	hollow sedge	yes	no	0.5–1.5	0.5–1	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Cyperaceae	*Eleocharis*	*acuta*	common spike sedge	yes	no	0.2–0.8	0.2–0.6	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Cyperaceae	*Ficinia*	*nodosa*	knobby club sedge	yes	no	0.3–1	0.3–0.8	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Juncaceae	*Juncus*	*amabilis*	gentle rush	yes	no	0.3–0.8	0.3–0.8	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Juncaceae	*Juncus*	*filicaulis*	sickle-leaf rush	yes	no	0.3–1	0.3–0.8	resistant	brown	spring–summer
	Juncaceae	*Juncus*	*pallidus*	small-head rush	yes	no	0.5–1.5	0.5–1	resistant	brown	spring–summer
Bulbs and lilies	Asphodelaceae	*Dianella*	*brevicaulis*	short-stem flax-lily	[2]buzz pollinated	yes	0.2–0.6	0.3–0.8	resistant	blue / violet	spring–summer
	Asphodelaceae	*Dianella*	*revoluta*^	spreading flax-lily	[2]buzz pollinated	yes	0.3–1	0.5–2	resistant	blue / violet	spring–summer

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Generic list of available native plant species from local nurseries

Habit	Family	Genus	Species	Common name	Pollen	Nectar	Height (m)	Width (m)	Tolerance to frost	Flower colour		Flowering time
Climber (outside vineyard)	Ranunculaceae	*Clematis*	*gentianoides*	ground clematis	yes	no	0.3–2	1–2	resistant	white	cream	spring
	Fabaceae	*Glycine*	*clandestina*	twining glycine	yes	no	0.2–1	0.5–2	resistant	purple		spring–summer
	Fabaceae	*Hardenbergia*	*violacea*	purple coral-pea	yes	yes	1–3	1–3	moderately sensitive	purple		winter–spring

^ plants available commercially

* seed available commercially

[1]*Acacia* flowers do not produce nectar. However, the leaf and phyllode glands do secrete a nectar or sugary substance which bees, butterflies and other insects have been observed feeding on.

[2] Buzz pollination: Some native bees use a special pollination technique called 'buzz pollination' (sonication) i.e., the blue-banded bee, bangs its head on the flower's anthers 350 times a second to release the pollen. Plants from the Solanaceae (nightshade) family (tomatoes, capsicums, and eggplants) and many Australian native plants including *Hibbertia spp.* and *Dianella* spp. are buzz pollinated. These plants have the capacity to boost biodiversity and support populations of native bees, but their pollen resources may not be readily available to predatory arthropods.

Growers are encouraged to explore the use of *Bursaria spinosa*, *Leptospermum* spp. and *Rytidosperma* spp. as insectary plants in proximity grapevines (Retallack et al., 2019). It is anticipated a broader suite of native insectary plants could extend the richness and abundance of predatory arthropods in and around vineyards.

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Continue your search for useful information here:

- Australian Plants Society Tasmania nursery directory: https://www.apstas.org.au/nurseries
- EcoVineyards fact sheets: Practical information on native insectary plants, vineyard ground covers and functional biodiversity. https://ecovineyards.com.au/knowledge-hub/fact-sheets/
- From Forest to Fjaeldmark – vegetation descriptions: Read the full description for mapped communities, including diagnostic species, structure, substrate and management notes. https://nre.tas.gov.au/conservation/flora-of-tasmania/from-forest-to-fjaeldmark-descriptions-of-tasmanias-vegetation
- Landcare Tasmania – revegetation resources: Nursery directory and practical revegetation guidance, including LISTmap resources. https://www.landcaretas.org.au/revegetation
- Launceston plant list: https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/672243c44cdf8c74d8491412/68b8f319e2f373084928d962_Launceston.pdf
- LISTmap: https://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au/listmap/app/list/map
- Natural Values Atlas: https://www.nre.tas.gov.au/conservation/development-planning-conservation-assessment/natural-values-atlas
- Tasmanian Plant Identification Key – University of Tasmania: Check botanical identification, synonyms and distribution. https://dicotkey.utas.edu.au/
- Threatened native vegetation communities: https://nre.tas.gov.au/conservation/threatened-species-and-communities/threatened-native-vegetation-communities
- Understorey Network – municipality plant lists: Use lists for West Tamar, George Town, Launceston, Northern Midlands and Meander Valley, as relevant to the property. https://www.understorey-network.org.au/nursery-folder/muncipality-plant
- Understorey Network – Tasmanian Native Plant Database: Filter by municipality, growth form, height, habitat and soil tolerance; includes propagation information. https://database.understorey-network.org.au/
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- Wildseed Tasmania nursery and seed: https://www.wildseedtasmania.com.au/nursery.php and plant index: https://www.wildseedtasmania.com.au/plant_index.php

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Local plant nurseries

Native plant nurseries				
Nursery / organisation	**Contact details**	**Address / location**	**Website**	**Notes**
Forth Valley Bush Nursery and Gardens	(03) 6428 2898; forthvalleybushnursery@gmail.com	620 Wilmot Road, Forth TAS 7310	https://www.forthvalleybushnursery.com.au/	Specialist Tasmanian and Australian native plant grower. Propagates plants on site, including ground covers, shrubs, climbers and trees. Open Friday and Saturday, 9 am–5 pm; cash only; closed in July.
Habitat Plants	0408 973 400	240 Jones Road, Liffey TAS 7301	https://habitatplants.com.au/	Specialist Tasmanian indigenous flora grower, including grasses, wildflowers, ground covers, trees and shrubs. Not currently taking orders according to its website; contact to confirm any change in status.
Redbreast Plants — Flowerdale	0419 871 784; redbreast.plants@gmail.com	242 Robin Hill Road, Flowerdale TAS 7325	https://www.redbreastplants.com/	Northern Tasmanian native plant propagation nursery. Enquire about species availability, bulk orders and local provenance. Confirm opening hours before visiting.
Woodlea Nursery	(03) 6352 7262	49 Wish-Wilson Road, Scottsdale TAS 7260	http://www.woodleanursery.com.au/products.htm	Wholesale nursery supplying trees, shrubs, grasses, forestry seedlings, grapevines and revegetation plants. Ask about native insectary species, local provenance, minimum orders and availability.

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Local seed suppliers

Suppliers of native seed and/or sowing services				
Supplier	**Seed / service focus**	**Contact details**	**Website**	**Notes**
**Flora Victoria	Native seed and/or sowing services; confirm whether the required Tasmanian species and provenance are available.	Kate: 0499 221 997; kate@floravictoria.com.au Chris: 0408 338 081; chris@floravictoria.com.au	https://floravictoria.com.au	Victoria-based supplier. Confirm shipping to Tasmania, species availability and suitability of seed provenance for the site.
**Native Seeds Pty Ltd (Victoria)	Native seed supplier; confirm current species range, quantities and any sowing services.	Darren Vincent; Great Alpine Road, Eurobin VIC; 1300 473 337; enquiries@nativeseeds.com.au	https://www.nativeseeds.com.au/	Victoria-based supplier. Confirm shipping to Tasmania and prioritise seed of appropriate Tasmanian provenance where available.
Island Seeds	Potential Tasmanian native seed collection and seed-packet resource; current commercial sales and catalogue require confirmation.	Contact via Landcare Tasmania seed resources.	https://www.landcaretas.org.au/seeds	Additional lead. Confirm whether seed is currently sold, which species are available and whether suitable local provenance can be supplied.
Tasmanian Eucalypt and Native Seeds	Potential native and eucalypt seed supplier; exact current species range and commercial availability require confirmation.	Reported contact: 0409 977 443; another directory lists (03) 6268 0459.	https://www.localbusinessguide.com.au/listing/tasmanian-eucalypt-and-native-seeds-n3avz0/	Additional lead reported at Brighton, Tasmania. Verify business operation, contact details, species, quantities and provenance before relying on this listing.
Understorey Network Growers Scheme	Community propagation scheme and advice on growing Tasmanian native plants from seed.	understorey@landcaretas.org.au; 0461 577 624	https://www.understorey-network.org.au/	Not a commercial seed supplier; useful for propagation advice and community-grown local species.
Wildseed Tasmania Native Seed and Plant Nursery	Tasmanian native seed and tubestock; grasses, sedges, wetland and revegetation species; single- or mixed-species orders.	Helenka: 0438 318 797; Andrew: 0429 851 500; info@wildseedtasmania.com.au; (03) 6265 2651	https://www.wildseedtasmania.com.au/nursery.php	Ask about seed provenance, cleaning, quantities, viability, lead times and sowing advice.

****Purchasing seed from interstate suppliers:** Before purchasing or importing native seed from Victoria or elsewhere on mainland Australia, confirm that the supplier is approved under Tasmania's Small-weight Seed Imports program, or that you are an approved importer. For eligible seed lots of 1 kg or less per seed line, submit the required Notice of Intention to Import at least 24 hours before importation. Seed must meet all applicable Tasmanian biosecurity requirements, including restrictions relating to declared weeds, prohibited plants and restricted seed. Additional requirements may apply to particular species, including **Myrtaceae** seed sourced from areas affected by myrtle rust. Check the latest Biosecurity Tasmania plant and plant-product requirements before ordering. Prioritise seed of verified local Tasmanian provenance wherever possible, as mainland provenance may not be genetically or ecologically appropriate for the planting site.

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Copies of these publications can also be found here https://ecovineyards.com.au/knowledge-hub/

Fact sheets and case studies

National EcoVineyards Program fact sheets can be downloaded here https://ecovineyards.com.au/knowledge-hub/fact-sheets/

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