

Native Plants for a Firewise Garden



Choosing the right plants can help create a more firewise garden around your home. This guide features non-invasive native plants suited to the WA Hills region that are less likely to contribute to bushfire risk and are suitable for planting near infrastructure such as pipes, soak wells and leach drains.

Name	Size	Root behaviour	Growth Habit	Notes
Bacon & Eggs (<i>Lotus australis</i>)	0.2-0.5m spread	Shallow	Groundcover, trailing	Nitrogen-fixer
Bloodroot (<i>Haemodorum spicatum</i>)	0.3-0.6m	Clumping, low-impact	Tufted herb	Attractive red stems
Blueberry Lily (<i>Dianella revoluta</i>)	0.3-1m	Clump	Clumping, strappy leaves	Tough, root- safe, purple flowers & berries
Coastal Pigface (<i>Carpobrotus virescens</i>)	0.2-0.3m	Shallow, non- aggressive	Sprawling succulent	Coastal resilience
Paper Lily / Morning Iris / Purple Flag (<i>Patersonia</i> spp. / <i>Orthrosanthus</i> spp.)	0.3-0.6m	Very shallow roots	Clumping, strappy leaves	Safe, hardy, purple blooms

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Running Postman (Kennedia prostrata)	Up to 1.5m spread	Non-invasive	Groundcover / trailing vine	Bright red pea flowers
Silky Mat Rush (Lomandra longifolia)	0.5-1m	Deep-rooted	Clumping grass-like	Erosion control
Common Clematis (Clematis aristata)	Climber to 3-4m	Not aggressive	Light twining climber	Avoid growing into trees
Hardenbergia (Hardenbergia violacea)	1-2m	Deep but tidy roots	Climber or shrubby form	Versatile
Grevillea 'Mt Tamboritha' (Grevillea lanigera)	0.3-0.5m	Non-invasive	Mounding groundcover	Dense & bird-friendly
Kangaroo Paw (Anigozanthos spp.)	0.5-1.2m	Minimal root spread	Herbaceous, upright	Iconic WA plant
Common Hovea (Hovea elliptica)	0.5-1.5m	Non-invasive	Shrub, soft-foliaged	Purple flowers
Snakebush (Hemiandra pungens)	0.2-1m	Shallow rooted	Low sprawling shrub	Aromatic foliage
False Boronia (Philotheca spicata)	0.5-1m	Shallow roots	Small shrub	Pink flowers
White Banjine (Pimelea spectabilis)	0.5-1m	Low impact	Open upright shrub	Prefers sandy soils
Devil's Pins (Synaphea spinulosa)	0.3-1m	Shallow rooted	Shrubby groundcover	WA endemic, compact
Lilly Pilly 'Tiny Trev' (Syzygium australe)	1-1.5m	Very shallow roots	Compact hedge	Non-invasive, tidy
Lilly Pilly 'Resilience' (Syzygium australe)	2-4m	Moderate, non-invasive	Dense shrub/ screen	Needs space but safe if maintained
Lilly Pilly 'Elite' (Syzygium smithii)	2-5m	Compact root system	Shapely, glossy leaf	Prune to size, firewise when managed

Disclaimer: This guide provides general information only. Local conditions, infrastructure type, and maintenance practices may influence plant suitability.