



**Colac Otway**  
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## INDIGENOUS SPECIES LIST FOR APOLLO BAY & SKENES CREEK

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<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood	8-20x 5-12m	CSL	●	<b>B, B/F, S/G.</b> Spreading form dense foliage. Screen plant. Prefers deep damp soils. Pale creamy flowers July-Oct. <b>18, 30, 201</b> <b>Widespread coloniser</b>
<i>Acacia mucronata</i> var. <i>longifolia</i>	Narrow leaf Wattle	2-6x 2-5m	SL		<b>B/F S/G.</b> Erect/spreading. Open sites, screen plant. Drought resistant. Narrow leaf, cream flower spike. Aug-Oct. <b>45</b>
<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>	Sweet Wattle	1-2x 2-5m	SL		<b>B. B/F. S/G.</b> Slender spreading shrub, grey foliage. Fast grow. Cream perfumed flowers. Apr-Oct. <b>Coast scrub.</b>
<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses	1-5x 3-5m	CSL		<b>B. B/F.</b> Streams – shaded wet areas. Prickly low shrub to tree. Yellow flowers June-Dec. <b>45, 201, 161 Widespread coloniser</b>
<i>Adiantum aethiopicum</i>	Common Maidenhair	50x 20cm	CSL		Spreading ground fern. Fine lacy fronds. Damp sheltered sites, seepage areas exposed sites, embankments.
<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	Drooping Sheoak	4-10x 5-6m	SL	●	<b>B.</b> Windbreak. Hardy drooping habit. Branchlets turn yellow -brown Apr-May. <b>Coast scrub</b>
<i>Alyxia buxifolia</i>	Sea Box	1-2x 1-3m	SL		<b>B</b> Compact shrub, glossy leaves. Fragrant white flowers Oct-Jan. Red fruit. <b>Coast, cliffs &amp; scrub.</b>
<i>Austrocynoglossum latifolium</i>	Forest Hound's-tongue	G/cover			Damp shaded sites. Prickle like hairs. Tubular flower white, pink, mauve. Flowers Oct-Apr. <b>30, 31, 201.</b>
<i>Austrostipa flavescens</i>	Coast Spear-grass	1.2m	CSL	●	<b>B/F</b> Sparse tufted grass. Spear like flowers Oct-Dec. <b>Coastal dunes.</b>
<i>Austrostipa pubinodis</i>	Tall Spear grass	1-2m	CSL	●	<b>B.</b> Robust, tufted perenn. erect flower stem. Dense large flower spikelets. Oct-Dec.
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia	1-8x 1-5m	CSL	●	<b>B/F. H/E. S/G.</b> Heathlands, forests. Leaves dark upper. Honey coloured cylindrical flowers Apr-Nov. Screen plant. <b>161</b>
<i>Bauera rubioides</i>	Wiry Bauera	1-2x 1-2m	SL		<b>B.</b> Scrambling, wiry or tangled shrub. Shelter/damp areas. Pink flowers yearly mainly Sept-Jan. <b>16, 48, 8.</b>
<i>Bedfordia arborescens</i>	Blanket Leaf	3-7x 2- 4m	SL		Grey rough bark. Long tangled hairs on stems. Leaves shiny green upper, wooly white under. Shade, damp sites. Bright yellow flowers. Nov-Jan. <b>30.</b>
<i>Billardiera longiflora</i> v. <i>longiflora</i>	Purple Apple-berry	3-4M climber	CL		<b>H/E.</b> Damp slopes/gullies. Bushy climber. Masses lime green bell flowers. Jun-Jan. Purple fruit. <b>45, 30, 31, 201.</b>
<i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry	climber	CSL		<b>H/E.</b> Dainty climber. Hairy foliage, yellow/green bell flowers. June-Feb. Green edible fruit. <b>16, 45, 48.</b>

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<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	Hard water-fern	30-125cm	SL		Hardy creeper/ground cover. Erect once divided dark green fronds. Wet areas. <b>18,30,31,201.</b>
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria	1-6x 2-3m	CSL	●	<b>B. B/F/ H/E.</b> Foliage plant, spines at leaf base. Cream fragrant flowers Dec-Mar. Purse shaped seed. <b>45.</b>
<i>Callitriche brachycarpa</i>	Short Water-starwort		CL		Water/land sites. Creeping mat, small light green rounded leaves, tiny green flowers. <b>17.</b>
<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly current bush	2-4x 1-1.5m	CL	●	<b>B.</b> Hardy. Wet-damp-shade sites. Open erect spiny shrub. Cream tubular flowers Aug-Nov. Edible red berries. Nest site. <b>18, 30, 45, 201</b>
<i>Cyrtostylis reniformis</i>	Gnat-orchid	3-16cm	SL		Under trees/shrubs. Kidney shaped leaves. Flowers greenish, reddish-brown. July-Oct. <b>16,45,48.</b>
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>	Tasman Flax-lily	.6-1.5x .5-2m	SL		<b>H/E. B/F.</b> Robust spreading. Damp well drained - wetter fertile soils. Thick shiny leaves. Blue flower yellow centre, blue fruits. Spr-Sum. <b>45, 201.</b>
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed	Ground cover	SL	●	Creeping herb. Lawn substitute kidney shaped green leaves. Tiny cream/green flowers Sept-Dec. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft tree-fern	0-12x 1m	SLC		Tree fern fibrous trunk Crown widely spreading dark green fronds. Damp/wet slopes gullies. <b>18,30,201</b>
<i>Distichlis distichophylla</i>	Australian Salt-grass Emu grass	0.2x 1m	SL	●	Perenn. Coarse grass form mat. Good saline soil stabiliser. Dune scrub, <b>10.</b>
<i>Echinopogon ovatus</i>	Common Hedgehog-grass	1x 0.2m	CSL	●	Rhizome perennial. Moist sites. Stems erect. Leaves long rough, hairy. Flower dense hairy, oval. Oct-Jan. <b>45.</b>
<i>Epilobium billardierianum</i>	Variable Willow-herb	0.2-1m	CSL		Erect form. Cool/damp conditions. Sun in wet areas. Flowers Nov-Mar. <b>17,53,18.</b>
<i>Eucalyptus brookeriana</i>	Brooker's Gum	40x15m	CS		<b>H/E.</b> windbreak in shady or wet sites. Otway Ridge Tree. White flowers Sum-Aut. <b>30,45.</b>
<i>Eucalyptus cypellocarpa</i>	Mountain Grey Gum	10-40x 15m	CSL	●	<b>B/F. H/E.</b> Hardy upright tree dense canopy. Stunted dry soils. Flowers Feb-July. <b>201,30,45.</b>
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	Southern Blue Gum	25-40x 10-20m	CL		<b>H/E.</b> Fast growing tall shelter tree. Smooth trunk. Cream flowers June-Nov. Ribbed silvery fruit Honey source. <b>30, 45</b>
<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark	5-30x 6-20m	CL		<b>B/F. H/E.</b> Grey/brown fibrous bark. Shade/shelter tree. For large areas. Quick hardy grower. Sml. Cream flowers Jan-Mar. Wineglass fruit. <b>30, 45, 161, 201</b>
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Swamp Gum	8-30x 5-20m	CL	●	<b>H/E,S/G.</b> Excellent in poorly drained soils. Grey white trunk. Creamy flowers May-Nov. <b>17,18,45,165,3,8.</b>
<i>Ficinia nodosa</i>	Knobby Club Sedge	.5-1m		●	Loosly tufted perennial. Long narrow leaves. Flowers pale green clusters Jan-Apr, Sep-Dec. <b>Coastal dunes, salt-marsh.</b>
<i>Geranium homeanum</i>	Northern cranesbill	-70cm	CSL		Scrambling perenn. herb. Stems hairy, broad deeply divided leaves. Pale pink-white flowers. Dec-Feb. <b>widespread.</b>
<i>Geranium potentilloides</i>	Cinquefoil Cranesbill	.5-1.5m	CSL	●	<b>B. B/F.</b> Hardy creeping form. Suit moist sites. Spreading pink flowering stems to 3m. Sept-Mar Nest site <b>widespread.</b>
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia	1-2.5x 1-3m	CSL	●	<b>B/F.</b> Hardy fast grow. Suit coastal-damp sites. Blackberry replacement. Leaves oval. Bright yellow tubular flowers. Spr-sum. <b>45, 30, 201</b>
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	Austral Mulberry	3-7x 4m	L		<b>B.</b> Damp sheltered slopes/gullies. Leaves large glossy, serrated, hard point. Weakly aromatic. Flowers cream fragrant. Aug-Dec. Fruit yellow/orange. <b>18,30,201.</b>
<i>Histiopteris incisa</i>	Bat's Wing fern	0.5-2 x1m	CLS		Coarse spreading ground fern. Damp sites. Pale green erect fronds, triangular shape like bats wings. <b>18,30,201.</b>

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<i>Hydrocotyle spp.</i>	Pennywort	Ground cover	CSL	●	Perenn. Herb. Circular hairy leaves, small red-brown flowers. Damp shady sites. Lawn substitute. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	Hairy Pennywort	Ground cover	CSL	●	Mat forming herb. Flowers pale yellow late summer. hairy kidney shaped leaves. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Hypolepis rugosula</i>	Ruddy Ground-fern		CL		Red/brown stems, mid/dark green fronds, erect or drooping. Dense thickets wet areas. <b>18,30,201.</b>
<i>Isolepis platycarpa</i>	Broad-fruit Club-sedge	-20cm	CSL	●	Dwarf tufting form. Few leaves. Group of flower spikes on erect stem. Damp/wet sites. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Juncus bufonius</i>	Toad Rush	30x 30cm	CL	●	Tufted, narrow bright green leaves. Flowers along stems. Perm/ seasonally damp areas. Flowers Oct-Jan. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Juncus kraussii ssp australienis</i>	Sea Rush	.6-2x .5-1.5m	S	●	Robust, erect cyl. Leaves. Saline/brackish areas. Clusters of chaffy flowers. Dec-Mar. <b>Estuary, salt-marsh.</b>
<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	Tall Sword-sedge	1-2.5x 1-2m	CS	●	<b>B/F.</b> Sword like leaves long stems with brown flower spikes. <b>30, 45, 201, wetlands.</b>
<i>Lepidosperma elatius ensiforme</i>	Tall Sword sedge	1-2.5X 1-3m	CSL	●	<b>B/F.</b> Robust. Suit damp-wet, shade/part sun sites. Clumping form, flat leaves, brown loose flower spikes on long stems. <b>45, 201, wetlands</b>
<i>Leptinella reptans s.l.</i>	Creeping Cotula	g/cover x1m	CSL	●	Leaves hairy deeply divided. Prefers damp sites. Flowers yellow buttons Spr-Sum. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Leptorhynchus squamatus</i>	Scaly Buttons	15-30x 40cm	CSL	●	Well drained sun/semi shade sites. Sml. Yellow f/heads on long stalks. Sept-Jan. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	Manuka	2-3x 1-3m	SL	●	<b>B</b> Erect, prickly. Coast tolerant. Flaky bark. White pink flowers. Woody fruit. <b>161.</b>
<i>Leucopogon australis</i>	Spike Beard-heath	.5-1.5x .5-1m	SL		Erect form. Suit full/semi sun. Narrow leaves, scented white flowers Sept-Nov. <b>48,165.</b>
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coast Beard-heath	1-4x2- 3m	SL		<b>H/E.</b> Slow growing. Masses white bearded flowers. July-Nov. <b>161 coast scrub.</b>
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Mat-rush	1x1m	SL	●	<b>B/F</b> Hardy. Agapanthus replacement. Salt tolerant. Large arching tussock, grass like strap leaves. Scented yellow flower spikes. Sept-Dec. <b>45</b>
<i>Microsorium pustulatum</i>	Kangaroo Fern	climber			Damp, wet areas rock crevices. Fronds 5-50cm long. Fronds similar to kangaroo footprint. <b>30,201,18</b>
<i>Mimulus repens</i>	Creeping Monkey-flower	.5-1mx g/cover	L		Semi-aquatic/ salt soil/sun tolerant. Tubular white, yellow, pink flowers.Sep-Apr. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Monotoca glauca</i>	Currant-wood	2-7 1.5-5m	CSL		Understorey/screen plant. Well drained, open/semi shade sites. Pointy narrow leaves. White perfumed flowers Jan-Mar. <b>48.</b>
<i>Nematolepis squamea ssp.squamea</i>	Satinwood	7-12m			Suit wet, damp sites. Dark green leaves upper, lower silvery. White star flower clusters. Sept-Nov <b>30.</b>
<i>Notelaea ligustrina</i>	Privet Mock Olive	2-6x 3m	CSL		Woody, hardy, dense screen plant. Evergreen, narrow leaves. Moist sheltered sites. Small flowers, ornamental berries. <b>18, 30</b>
<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	Musk Daisy Bush	3-8x 3-5m	CSL		<b>B. B/F.</b> Fast growing. Damp or shade sites. Flowers cream daisy clusters. Oct-Dec. <b>18, 30, 201</b>
<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snow Daisy bush	1-5x 1-3m	SL		<b>B/F.</b> Open shrub. Well drained shaded sites. Quick growing. Snow white daisy flowers. Spring. <b>30, 45, 201</b>
<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	Tree Everlasting	2-6x 1-3m	SL	●	Dense, fast growing. Gnarled trunk. Damp drained sites. Dark grey-green narrow leaves. Dense cream flower heads. Nov-Feb. <b>45</b>

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<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed	1-3m	CSL	●	Vigorous, bamboo like form, wet areas. Flower plume spike Sum-Aut. Cut back. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Pimelea axiflora</i>	Bootlace Bush	1-3x 1-2m	CSL		<b>B/F. H/E.</b> Upright spreading form. Damp shady loamy sites. Small cream/ white flower heads. Sept-Nov. <b>45</b>
<i>Pimelea linifolia</i> <i>ssp. linifolia</i>	Slender Rice flower	30-60x 1m	CSL		<b>B/F.</b> Well drained sites. Part shade/sun - Grey/green foliage, clusters flowers white pink tinge. Spr-Aut. <b>Widespread.</b>
<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common tussock grass	50- 130cm	CL	●	<b>B. B/F.</b> Dense tussock slender green/purple leaves, year long green. Suit wet sites. Flowers Oct-Feb.. <b>18, 45</b>
<i>Poa sieberiana</i>	Grey tussock grass	30- 40cm	CSL	●	<b>B/F.</b> Fine grey leaves green-purplish flower heads. Filter traps. Oct-Feb. <b>161, 45.</b>
<i>Poa tenera</i>	Slender Tussock grass	20- 50cm	CSL	●	<b>B/F.</b> Spreading tufted grass. Bright green soft leaves. Flower spikelets open form. Oct-Jan. <b>18, 45.</b>
<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern	1- 1.5xcm 1-1.5m	CSL	●	Clumping fern, forms colonies. Fronds arching 1.5cm. Suit gullies/forest slopes. <b>18,30,201.</b>
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris	3-12x 2-4m	SL		<b>B. B/F.</b> Slender leafy shrub. Suit damp fertile soils, shade. Creamy green flowers. Oct-Dec. Nest site. <b>18, 30, 201</b>
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	Victorian Christmas-bush	2-6x 1.2-4m	SL		<b>B.</b> Compact form, screen plant, aromatic foliage. Cool areas sun/shade. White flowers with purple spot. Oct-Dec. <b>201,18.</b>
<i>Pultenaea muelleri</i>	Muellers's Bush Pea	50cm	SL		Well drained, damp, sandy sites semi shade. Leaves dk green upper/ light, hairy lower. Pea flowers yellow, orange, red marks. Nov. <b>45.</b>
<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> <i>spp candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush	1x2m	SL		<b>B.</b> Scrambling semi succulent. Wet or dry sites. Flowers Sep-Dec. Red berry. Nest site. <b>Dune scrub, salt marshes.</b>
<i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>	Dusty Miller	1-3x 1-2m	SL		<b>B/F.</b> Hardy. Erect open form. Screen plant. Shade-dry-damp-salty sites. Clusters sml white flowers. July-Nov. Edible fruit. <b>45, 201.</b>
<i>Stylidium graminifolium</i>	Grass Trigger-plant	.2-.6x .2-.3m	CSL		Suits most sites. Long grass leaves slender stem. Pink flower spike. Insects trigger pollination. Aug-Nov. <b>3,16,45.</b>
<i>Tasmannia lanceolata</i>	Mountain Pepper	1.5-4x 1-1.5m	L		<b>B. B/F.</b> Tolerates shade.moist areas. Blackberry replacement. Tynyl cream flowers Sep-Nov. Dark fruits. Hot condiment <b>31,201.</b>
<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	Bower Spinach	climber	S	●	Robust climber or mat. Sun or shady sites. Fleshy leaves. Sml. Yellow flowers often. <b>Coast scrub, salt marsh.</b>
<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass	Climber – 8m			<b>B/F.</b> Long trailing or climber rough stems. Damp/wet/sun areas. Mauve Flower spikes Nov-Apr. <b>30,45,201.</b>
<i>Viola hederacea</i> <i>sensu Willis (1972)</i>	Ivy-leaf Violet	G/cover	CSL	●	Forms dense creeping mat – Moist/shade sites. Purple & white flowers. <b>3,23,45,201,894.</b>

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