

Planting to support the Southern Bent-wing Bat in Southwest Victoria

As with most Australian wildlife, the best habitat for Southern Bent-wing bats is the habitat they evolved with. Glenelg Hopkins CMA is committed to replanting the landscape with the same species of plants that occurred in an area prior to 1750. Even within a small geographical area, the species that previously occurred (or may still occur) in an area can vary according to a range of environmental factors including soil type, rainfall, slope of the land and exposure to wind or salt.

If you are considering a large-scale revegetation project of ~200 plants or more, it is advisable to contact Glenelg Hopkins CMA and obtain a species list that is specific to your property. You may be eligible for a grant to assist you with the cost of your revegetation project.

However, if you are looking to establish a few plants on your property to help the Southern Bent-wing Bat there is no harm in planting native species that may not occur naturally on your property provided they do grow naturally in the general vicinity.

The following species are known to grow naturally within a 40km radius of Portland and are likely to survive in most soil types in the region.

**note: The plant list provided below is neither exhaustive nor complete. If you require assistance with planting advice, please contact the Glenelg Hopkins CMA.*

Common Name

Scientific Name

Brown Stringybark

Eucalyptus baxteri

Jimmys Shining Peppermint

Eucalyptus willisii

Swamp Gum

Eucalyptus ovata

Messmate Stringybark

Eucalyptus obliqua

Manna Gum

Eucalyptus viminalis

Blackwood

Acacia melanoxylon

Black Wattle

Acacia mearnsii

Prickly Moses

Acacia verticillata

Silver Banksia

Banksia marginata

Scented Paperbark

Melaleuca squarrosa

Prickly Tea-tree

Leptospermum continentale

Heath Tea-tree

Leptospermum myrsinoides

Black-anther Flax-lily

Dianella Revoluta

Coast Beard Heath

Leucopogon parviflorus

Sweet Bursaria

Bursaria spinosa

Bent Goodenia

Goodenia geniculata

Tall Saw-sedge

Gahnia clarkei

