

# Indigenous plants of the Geelong Region

## ZONE 4

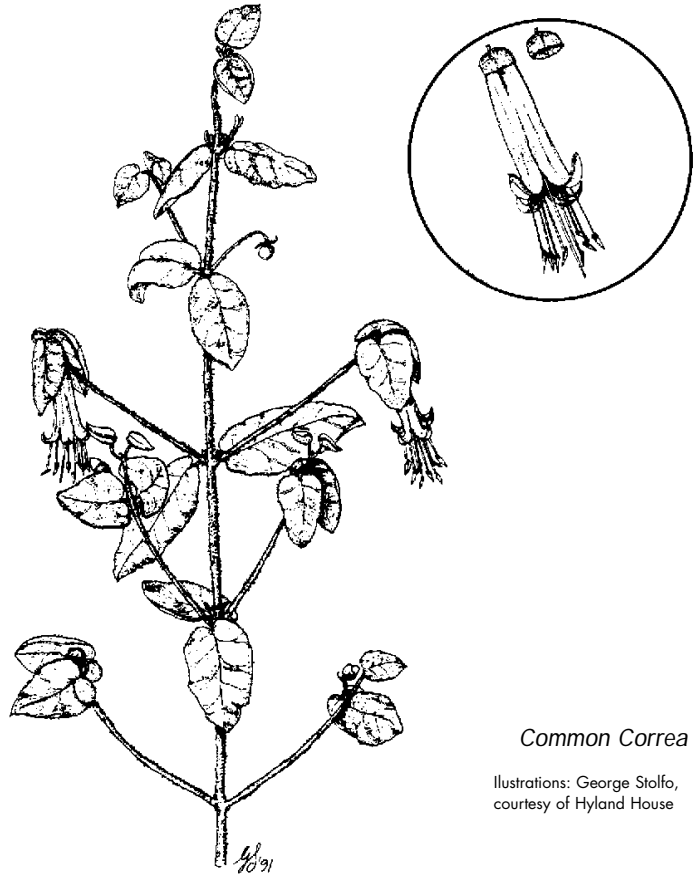
Consists of moderately fertile alluvial loam soils, which are flat; poor to well drained with some saline areas. The average rainfall is 60 - 62cm.

### LOWER REAR DUNE COMMUNITIES:

#### Torquay to Point Lonsdale

This area was predominantly a woodland community. Dominant tree species included Coast Manna Gum, Moonah and Drooping Sheoke with an understorey of Coast Beard-heath. Woodlands give way to sedgeland and saltmarsh vegetation on the fringes of wetlands.

Areas of grassland dominated by Kangaroo Grass occurred in drier sites. Common Tussock Grass was found along fresh watercourses whereas Blue Tussock Grass would have been present in more saline areas. Species such as the Rare Bitter-bush and Coast Bitter-bush may have once been common in this zone but now only grow in isolated patches.



Common Correa

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## TREE SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Drier Sandy Slopes
Lightwood	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	5-15 x 4-7	◆ uncommon
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	5-30 x 4-15	◆
Golden Wattle	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	3-10 x 2-5	◆
Drooping Sheoke	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	4-11 x 3-6	◆
Coast Manna Gum	<i>Eucalyptus pryoriana</i>	8-16 x 5-12	◆
River Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	12-35 x 15-35	◆
Cherry Ballart	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	3-8 x 3-5	◆
Moonah	<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>	1-8 x 3-6	◆

## SHRUB SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Drier Sandy Slopes
Hedge Wattle	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	2-4 x 2-5	◆
Coast Wirilda	<i>Acacia retinodes var. uncinifolia</i>	4-8 x 3-5	◆
Coast Bitter-bush	<i>Adriana klotzschii</i>	2-4 x 2-3	◆
Rare Bitter-bush	<i>Adriana quadripartita</i>	2-4 x 2-3	◆
Sweet Bursaria	<i>Bursaria spinosa var. macrophylla</i>	2-6 x 2-3	◆
Dogwood	<i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	2-4 x 1-2	◆
Shiny Cassinia	<i>Cassinia longifolia</i>	2-4 x 2	❖
Common Correa	<i>Correa reflexa</i>	0.3 x 1-2	◆
Hop Bitter-pea	<i>Daviesia latifolia</i>	1-3 x 1-2	◆
Grey Parrot-pea	<i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>	0.6-1.5 x 0.5-1.5	◆
Smooth Parrot-pea	<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	1-2 x 1-2	◆
Giant Hop-bush	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	3 x 3	◆
Hop Goodenia	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	1-2.5 x 1-3	◆
Coast Beard-heath	<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	1-4 x 2-3	◆
Common Boobiella	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	1-6 x 3	◆
Sticky Boobiella	<i>Myoporum viscosum</i>	0.5 x 1.5-2	◆
Twiggy Daisy-bush	<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	0.5-2.5 x 1	◆
Shrub Everlasting	<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	2-6 x 1-3	◆
Coast Pomaderris	<i>Pomaderris paniculosa</i>	1-1.5 x 1-1.5	◆
Seaberry Saltbush	<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i>	2 x 1-2.5	◆
Kangaroo Apple	<i>Solanum laciniatum</i>	1-3 x 1-3	◆

## GROUNDCOVER AND TUSSOCK SPECIES

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Common name	Botanical name	Size (H x W m)	Drier Sandy Slopes
Berry Saltbush	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	0.1-0.3 x 1-3	◆
Black Anther Flax-lily	<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	0.5 x 1.5-2.0	◆
Tussock Grass	<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	0.8 x 0.8	◆
Blue Tussock grass	<i>Poa poiformis</i>	0.2-0.9 x 1	◆
Bower Spinach	<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	0.3-3 x 2	◆
Kangaroo Grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	0.3 x 0.3	◆

◆ - species is present in areas of remnant vegetation    ❖ - species once occurred in this area

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