

Water Loving Plants - Preferred growing conditions

Winter creeks - dry out in summer

| Species | Common Name | Winter creeks - dry out in summer | | | | | | | Dimension | Appearance | Notes |
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| | | Grows in permanent water | Mid creek or dam | Lowest in creekline edge or bank | Mid level on creek bank | Upper edge of creekline bank | Dry banks | Often damp area but can dry out, also swamps | | | |
| Adiantum aethiopicum | Maiden-hair Fern | | | | | | | | 30cm high | soft fern | usually grows in a small mass |
| Azolla rubra | Red Azolla | | | | | | | | each plant about 1cm across | thick floating mass | tadpole and fish food & habitat |
| Baumea articulata | Jointed Twig-rush | | | | | | | | 1-2m | | deep fresh water, waterfalls |
| Baumea juncea | Bare Twig-rush | | | | | | | | 30-100cm | | difficult to germinate, black seeds |
| Baumea rubiginosa | Soft Twig-rush | | | | | | | | 30-100cm | | difficult to germinate, red seeds |
| Bolboschoenus caldwellii | Salt Club-rush | | | | | | | | to 90cm | rhizome creeping | saline lake margins, golden flat seed |
| Bolboschoenus medianus | Marsh Club Rush | | | | | | | | tall | | deep river edge, black triangle seed |
| Carex appressa | Tall Sedge | | | | | | | | approx 100cm | leafy | |
| Carex bichenoviana | Notched Sedge | | | | | | | | short-med | dark green | damp shady grassy area |
| Carex breviculmus | Short-stem Sedge | | | | | | | | 20-30cm | grassy leaves | shady grassy area |
| Carex fascicularis | Tassel Sedge | | | | | | | | 70-100cm | distinct green dangling heads | |
| Carex inversa v major | Knob Sedge | | | | | | | | | fine grasslike | shady grassy areas |
| Carex tereticaulis | Rush Sedge | | | | | | | | med-tall-1m | upright | also wet depressions |
| Centella asiatica | Asian Centella | | | | | | | | ground covering | ground cover | swamp margins |
| Centella cordifolia | Heart-leaf Centella | | | | | | | | ground covering | heart shaped leaves | in or near fresh swamps |
| Chorizandra enodis | Black Bristle-rush | | | | | | | | approx 50cm | blue-purplish stem, black heads | also damp depressions |
| Cladium procerum | Leafy Twig-rush | | | | | | | | large 1-2m | | needs large space |
| Cyperus gunnii | Flecked Flat-sedge | | | | | | | | tall rush | | wet river edge, also reservoir edge |
| Cyperus gymnocaulos | Spiny Flat-sedge | | | | | | | | 50-80cm | heads sprout vegetatively | damp sand, colonises large areas |
| Cyperus vaginatus | Stiff Flat-sedge | | | | | | | | 40-150cm | clumps | interesting flowers |
| Distichlis distichophylla | Australian Salt-grass | | | | | | | | | tough grass | can tolerate higher salt levels |
| Duma florulenta | Tangled Lignum | | | | | | | | large shrub | very intricate branches | great bird habitat |
| Eleocharis acuta | Common Spike-rush | | | | | | | | sm-med | | |
| Eryngium versiculosum | Prostrate Blue Devil | | | | | | | | low growing | | also around swamps |
| Ficinia nodosa | Knobby Club-rush | | | | | | | | medium rush | upright | also lake margins |
| Frankenia pauciflora | Sea-heath | | | | | | | | ground cover | mat-like pink flowers | margins of salt lakes |
| Gahnia filum | Chaffy Saw-sedge | | | | | | | | more than 1m | large tussock | salt tolerant, ephemeral swamps, often coastal |
| Gahnia sieberiana | Red-fruit Saw-sedge | | | | | | | | up to 2metres | v.large tussock | |
| Isolepis inundata | Swamp Club-rush | | | | | | | | up to 30cm above water | good tadpole habitat and food | spreads very quickly |
| Juncus caepiticius | Grassy Rush | | | | | | | | small | | swamp margins |
| Juncus holoschoenus | Joint-leaf Rush | | | | | | | | medium rush | | attractive clusters of round heads |
| Juncus kraussii | Sea Rush | | | | | | | | tall rush | open loose heads | salt tolerant |
| Juncus pallidus | Pale Rush | | | | | | | | tall stout rush | | also swamp margins |
| Juncus pauciflorus | Loose-flower Rush | | | | | | | | medium rush | fine drooping stems | elegant |
| Juncus planifolius | Broad-leaf Rush | | | | | | | | small low | broad leaf | wet swamp |
| Juncus sarophorus | Broom Rush | | | | | | | | medium rush | blue-green | paddocks, dam margins, depressions |
| Juncus subsecundus | Finger Rush | | | | | | | | medium rush | tough | paddocks, can be very dry over summer |
| Juncus usitatus | Common Rush | | | | | | | | medium rush | | reservoir margins.introduced to SA |
| Lobelia anceps | Angled Lobelia | | | | | | | | <40cm | | watercourses, swamps, damp sites |
| Marsilea drummondii | Common Nardoo | | | | | | | | | large clover leaf above water | indigenous food once treated |
| Mentha diemenica | Slender Mint | | | | | | | | low | fine mint with pink flowers | spreads easily |
| Mentha saturioides | Creeping Mint | | | | | | | | low | fine mint with white flowers | spreads easily |
| Mimulus repens | Creeping Monkey-flower | | | | | | | | | covers ground | tolerates brackish water. |
| Phragmites australis | Common Reed | | | | | | | | tall to 2.5m | bird habitat | very strong grower |
| Schoenoplectus pungens | Spiky Club-rush | | | | | | | | 30-60cm | | tolerates salinity |
| Schoenoplectus validus | River Club-rush | | | | | | | | to 2m high | dangling seedheads | brackish, also swamp margins |
| Samolus repens | Creeping Samolus | | | | | | | | short | creeping, small white flowers | runners |
| Triglochin procerum | Water Ribbons | | | | | | | | riobbons | floats on water surface | v. pretty mauve spike flower heads |
| Typha domingensis | Narrow-leaf Cumbungi | | | | | | | | tall, spreads | can be aggressive | solid spike heads |
| Villarsia umbricola | Lax Marsh-flower | | | | | | | | about 50cm | attractive yellow flowers | |