






Ground covers and bulbs

A list of indigenous, water-wise plants, except those marked with A (alien).

* indicates natural distribution specific to Western Cape.
















BOTANICAL NAME	ALIEN	COMMON NAME	IN USE	COMMENT
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>		Brakvygie	YES	Very pretty and drought resistant
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i> *		Kaapse gousblom	YES	Large area covered quickly. Very drought resistant. Full sun
<i>Arctotis stoechadifolia</i> *		Bietou	YES	Pretty pink flowers, grey leaves
<i>Crassula multicava</i>		Skaduplakkie	YES	Full sun or semi shade. Pretty red flowers, more drought resistant than multiclava.
<i>Crassula perfoliata</i>		Sekel-crassula		
<i>Chasmanthe floribunda</i> 		Suurknolpypie	YES	
<i>Diamondia Margaretae</i> *		Silver carpet		Between pave stones, pedestrian resistant
<i>Drosanthemum Speciosum</i> *		Rooi Ysplant		For dry rocky areas, drought resistant
<i>Delosperma cooperi</i> 		Klipvygie		For rocky areas, full sun, require water during summer
<i>Gazania krebsiana</i> *		Gazania	YES	
<i>Geranium incamum</i> *		Vrouebossie		Plant close together. Pretty pink flowers and silver leaves
<i>Haemanthus Albiflos</i>		Poeierkwas		Ideal for shade areas
<i>Helichrysum cymosum sub cymosum</i> *		Goue tapy		Attractive ground cover, yellow flowers, good for dry areas
<i>Jasminum multipartitum</i>		Sterretjiesjasmyn		Creeper ground cover, semi to full sun
<i>Lampranthus coccineus</i> *		Rooi Vygie		
<i>Osteospermum jucundum</i>		Berg Bietou	YES	Pretty purple flowers, bright green leaves
<i>Plectranthus Neochilis</i>				Full sun or semi shade, drought resistant, fragrant, purple flowers
<i>Sutera Pauciflora</i>		Rankende Floks	YES	Light shade to full sun
<i>Senecio Macroglossus</i>		Flowering Ivy		Creeper, white flowers, excellent ground cover
<i>Veltheimia Bracteata/ Capensis</i> *		Bush lily		Semi shade to full sun

Small shrubs





<i>Alle Agapanthus soorte</i> 			YES	
<i>Bulbine Frutescens</i>		Katstert	YES	
<i>Chasmanthe floribunda</i>			YES	Rests during autumn, do not remove
<i>Felicia ammeloides</i> 		Blou Magrietjie	YES	
<i>Felicia echinata</i> 		Pricley felicia/ Dune daisy/Bloublommetjie		Full sun, blue flowers, group close together
<i>Gazania rigens</i> 			YES	
<i>Pelargonium reniforme</i>		Kidneyleaved Pelargorium		Dry rocky areas
<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> 		Ivy-leaved -	YES	Can spread to 2 metres, pink-red flowers
<i>Scabiosa Africana</i> * 		Koringblom		Light pink flowers, plant close together

Tulbaghia violacea		Wildeknoffel	YES	
Watsonia spesies* Watsonia Krysnana		Watsonia	YES	Becomes dormant in summer, pretty pink flowers
Watsonia pillansii		Watsonia		Evergreen, better choice

Shrubs

Agatasma Ovata  Kluitjieskraal		Kluitjieskraal boegoe		.5 x .6 m Pink flowers
Anisodonteia scabrosa*		Harige malva	YES	1,8x1m Plant close together, tolerant to half shade
Barleria Obtusa* 		Bosviooltjie		1 x 1m purple flowers
Barleria Repens 		Klein bosviooltjie		75 x 1m red flowers
Dietis Bicolor 		Wild Iris	YES	Yello flowers
Dietis Grandiflora 		Groot Iris	YES	White and purple flowers
Dyschoriste thunbergiiflora		Persklokkiebos 		1,7x1,7 Semi to full sun
Erica species*  		Heide		600 species known in Western Cape. Ideal for our gardens. Requires good drainage and raised bed.
Eriocephalus africanus* 		Kapokbossie/Wilde Roosmaryn		Wind tolerant, spread 1.75 x 1.75, plant in groups
Euryops pectinatus* 		Goue magriet		1 x 1 Plant close together, replace after 4-5 years
Euryops virgineus 		Heuningmagriet		Plant close together. 1,5 x1,5 m. Replace every 4-5 years.
Felicia filifolia* 		Wilde-aster		Plant close together. 1x1 Pink. Pretty, but short flower season, prefers rocky soil.
Helichrysum patulum* 		Kooigoed	YES	1x1 Plant close together. Rocky areas, in front of bedding
Helichrysum Splendidum 		Geel sewejaartjie /Cape Gold		1,5x1,5 Plant in clumps, full sun, gray leaves and yellow flowers. Rocky areas.
Kniphofia praecox  		Vuurpyl	YES	Unfortunately requires a lot of water. Dont divide too much.
Leucospermum cordifolium*  		Speldekussing		1,5x2m Sandy soil. Pine needles to acidify soil. Lasts 10 years.
Lobostemon fruticosus* 		Agtdaegeneesbos		1x1m Pink
Nylandtia spinosa*  		Skilpadbessie		1x1m Pink flowers with edible berries. Rocky soil or sand,
Pelargonium Cordifolium 		Heart-leaved pelargonium		1x1m Pink. Wet area, full sun
Pelargonium graveolens* 		Rose-scented geranium	YES	1,3x1m Pink. Wet area, semi shade.
Pentas Laceolata 		Pentas	YES	1x1 Pink. Light shade to full sun, tropical plat, thick ground cover, plant en-mass
Plectranthus Ecklonii 		Pers muishondblaar		Pink/purple flowers, half sun to shady. 1,5x1,5 Cool garden.
Salvia leucantha Purple Velvet 	A	Salie	YES	1 meter high
Syncarpha argyropsis		Wit seweYESartjie		50x 70 cm, grey leaves, white flowers, pretty compact bush

Bigger shrubs

Burchellia bubalina* 		Wildegrenaat		2,5x1,5 Orange, semi shade to full sun
Carissa Macrocarpa 		Groot noemnoem	YES	3x2 Wind resistant, bright green, red edible fruit, thorny
Chrysanthemoides monilifera* 		Bietou/Boetabessie		Excellent win screen, hedge. Prune to shape, very drought resistant
Gardenia Thunbergia 		Witkatjiepiering		Acidic soil, full sun to semi shade, white flowers
Gaura (Oenotera) Lindheimerii	A	Bee blossom	YES	Drought resistant. White pink flowers
Leonotis leonurus* 		Wildedagga	YES	Plant close together, orange
Leucospermum cuneiforme* 		Gewone Pincushion		3x3m Compact plant, wind resistant, good for western Cape, do not disturb soil near roots
Leucospermum tottum* 		Firewheel Pincushion		3x3 m Apricot pink
Metalasia Muricata* 		Witsteekbos*		3x3 Masses white to dark pink flowers. Plant in groups, wind resistant.
Plumbago Auriculata 		Plumbago		3x3,5 Climber, white and purple flowers
Portulacaria afra		Spekboom		
Psychotria capensis		Black Birdberry		
Searsia Crenata*  (Vooheen Rhus Crenata)		Duinekraaibessie	YES	Excellent evergreen hedge plant, very drought resistant when settled.
Rhus Zeyheri 		Blou taaibos		3x3 m Compact show plant
Strelizia Reginae 			YES	1,2 x1.2
Tecomaria Capensis 		Kaapse Kanferfoelie	YES	2-3m Deciduous, climber

Grasses and other plants

Aristea capitata		Blue Sceptre		Bulb, wet area, accent flax
Cyperus textilis*		Matjiesgoed		1,5x1m Spread, wet areas
Chondropetalum Tectorum*		Kaapse dekriet	YES	
Eragrostis gras Curvula				No maintenance, cut back in winter
Carex Morowii	A			30cm x 50 cm pretty grass tufts
Miscanthus sinensis 'Ferner Osten'	A			Green and purple grass, required more water
Sansevieria hyacinthoides		Skoonma se tong	YES	
Zantedeschia aethiopica*		Varklelie	YES	Cool marsh areas

Small and medium indigenous trees adapted to winter rainfall area.

BuddleYES Saligna* 	Witolien	YES	Small, bushy that can be pruned
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			into a good wind screen
Diospyros Whyteana* 	Bostolbos		Small, accent plant for smaller gardens. Good screen for wind.
Pittosporum viridiflorum*  	Cheesewood, Kasuur		Small, ideal for smaller gardens, wind and drought resistant
Kigalaria Africana*  	Wildeperske		Small quick grower
Apodytes Dimidiata*  	Witpeer		Good for bees
Leucadendron argenteum* 	Silwerboom		Small, wind resistant
Olea Africana*  	Olienhout		Medium sized
Olea Ventosa*  	Harde Peer		Large, aggressive roots, not to plant near structures 25 m
Syzygium dordatum  	Waterbessie	YES	Medium sized, requires a lot of water unfortunately
Searsia (Rhus) Lancea  	Karee. Rooikaree	YES	Medium sized, wind and drought resistant