



North East Link has partnered with Yarra View Bushland Nursery, one of Australia's leading social enterprises, to grow trees for local gardens.

Backyard tree planting program

Fact Sheet
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We're giving away up to 1000 trees to support local people as we build the North East Link Tunnels.

The Backyard tree planting program will help local people green their gardens – with residents near North East Link Tunnels construction areas eligible for up to two free native trees per household.

North East Link is delivering one of the biggest tree planting programs for a major road project in Victoria.

Our Backyard tree planting program is on top of work already underway to plant at least two trees for every one removed. More than 2000 trees have already been planted early in local streets, reserves and parks.



2 trees
planted for every one removed



30,000+
new trees



2000+
trees planted already



1000
free trees for local gardens



Register for your free trees

Scan the QR code or visit northeastlink.vic.gov.au/backyard-trees

The Backyard tree planting program is currently open to residents near North East Link Tunnels construction areas in Watsonia, Macleod, Yallambie, Rosanna, Viewbank and Bulleen.



Tree selection

Choose up to two free native trees ideal for growing in Melbourne gardens.



Dwarf Sugar Gum *Eucalyptus cladocalyx nana*

A medium sized tree with blue-grey bark and creamy white-yellow flowers. Grows to around 8 metres tall.



Honey Pots Gum *Eucalyptus wimmerensis*

A compact tree with creamy-white blossoms attracting honey-eating birds and butterflies. Grows 4 to 10 metres tall.



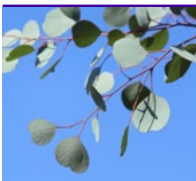
Kings Park Special *Callistemon citrinus*

A fast-growing bottlebrush with bright red flowers that attract bees, butterflies and nectar feeding birds. This small tree/large shrub grows 3 to 4 metres tall and is ideal for privacy screening.



Lightwood Wattle *Acacia implexa*

A fast-growing tree with pale yellow flowers in summer. Grows 5 to 15 metres tall.



Red Box Gum *Eucalyptus polyanthemus*

A unique tree with grey-green oval-shaped leaves and blossoms with small white flowers. Can tolerate very dry conditions. Grows 10 to 25 metres tall.



Red Flowering Ironbark *Eucalyptus sideroxylon 'Rosea'*

Produces pink or red flowers and creates great habitat for native birds including the Swift Parrot. Grows 10 to 20 metres tall.



Sweet Bursaria *Bursaria spinosa*

A fast-growing tree with sweetly perfumed white flowers which provide food for butterflies including the Eltham Copper Butterfly. Grows up to 12 metres tall.



White Leaved Mallee *Eucalyptus albida*

A small evergreen tree with creamy white flowers. Its flowers and silvery leaves are often used in floral arrangements. Grows to around 3 metres tall.

How do I get my free trees?

1. Choose your trees

Use the information in this fact sheet to choose up to two trees that are a good fit for your garden.

2. Register online



Scan the QR code or visit northeastlink.vic.gov.au/backyard-trees

1000 trees are available, so early registrations are encouraged.

3. We'll grow your trees

Yarra View Bushland Nursery will grow your trees to 50 to 100cm tall, ready for planting during the winter planting season this year.

4. Collect your trees

When your trees are ready to plant, we'll email you information about a pick-up location near you.

5. Plant and care for your trees

We'll help you out with some tips when you collect your trees.

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