Tree Incentive Program 2025 Species Selection Guide

The Tree Incentive Vouchers can be used to purchase tree species that meet the following criteria:

- a tree that will be planted in the ground;
- a long-lived tree species (at least 20 years);
- a tree species can grow to at least three (3) meters in height; and
- a tree species that provides shade when the sun is at its highest point (e.g., round, spreading, oval, open, weeping form).

The following are some suggested options, however staff at the participating nurseries will be able to help you select an appropriate tree that meets the above criteria and is suitable for your property.

1. SA Blackwood

Acacia melanoxylon

A large, attractive, shade tree with dark brown wood. A hard tree with many pale yellow flowers in cluster from late winder to early spring.

Not suitable for narrow streetscapes, under power lines or close to pipes or drains.

Height: 7-18m Canopy spread: 4-10m Life span: 150+ years

https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/3433

2. Jacaranda

Jacaranda mimosifolia *Non-native (South America) Medium to large tree. An elegant sub-tropical tree that produces clusters of fragrant purple flowers in summer. An excellent choice for providing shade with its dense fern-like leaves. A common street tree in Adelaide. Height: 8-10m Canopy spread: 8-10m Life span: 50-100 years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/3590

3. Coast Banksia

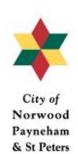
Banksia integrifolia

Medium-large tree suited to coastal areas and sandy soils. It is fast growing, distinctive for its size, long green leaves with a silver underside and iconic gold flower spikes. Not suitable for narrow streetscapes, under power lines or close to pipes or drains.

Height: 7-15m Canopy spread:5-10m Life expectancy: 50-100 years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/885

4. Water Gum

Tristaniopsis laurina Medium tree. A popular, low-maintenance shade tree for gardens with smooth, light grey bark and large, lush, deep green leaves. Scented yellow flowers in summer can attract birds and butterflies. Enjoys fair amount of water. Height: 6-8m Canopy spread: 4-5m Life span: 100+ years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/112



5. Dwarf SA Blue Gum

'Euky Dwarf' Eucalyptus leucoxylon Native Australian tree. Small to medium native tree. Perfect for smaller gardens where a standard SA Blue gum would be too large. An excellent shade tree to help cool a hot garden. Clusters of cream or pinkish-red flowers from autumn to spring. Height: 6-7m Canopy spread: 4-5m Life span: 200+ years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/17862

6. Tuckeroo

Cupaniopsis anacardioides Native Australian tree Medium tree. An attractive, hardy and reliable tree with rounded shape and evergreen leaves. Cream flowers in autumn and bright orange fruit in spring. Height: 7-8 m Canopy spread: 4-5m Life span: 50-60 years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/823

7. Silver Banksia

Banksia marginata Medium to small. A hardy and versatile native suitable for coastal locations. Dense foliage make it a an attractive shrub or small tree with long green leafs bearing silver underside. Attracts native birds and insects for food source and habitat. Height: 1- 8m Canopy spread: 1-5m Life span: 100+ years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/2939

8. Cottonwood *Hibiscus tiliaceus*Medium to small tree. Dense evergreen tree with attractive dark green leaves and bright yellow Hibiscus flowers. A spreading crown makes for an excellent shade or screening. Can tolerate full coastal exposure as well as poor draining soils.
Height: 4-8m
Canopy spread: 3-4m
Life span: 25+ years
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9. Bottlebrush - Gawler Hybrid

Callistemon 'Harkness' Small tree. A beautiful domed shaped tree with weeping branches and red bottlebrush flowers in autumn and spring. Height: 5-6 m Canopy spread: 3-4 m Life span: 20-40 years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/17807

10. White Crepe Myrtle

Lagerstroemia indica x L. fauriei 'Natchez' *Non-native (Eastern Asia) Small to medium tree. A popular ornamental deciduous tree with dark green foliage turning orange to red during autumn. Produces large displays of white flowering blooms throughout summer, which can attract birds and butterflies. Height: 5-6m Canopy spread: 4-5m Life span: 25 years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/457

11. London Plane Tree

Platanus x acerifolia Large to very large tree. Ornamental deciduous shady trees. The flaking grey jigsaw patterned bark is a feature. Common street tree. Height: 20-25m Canopy spread: 18-20m Lifespan: 200+ years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/17914

12. Chinese Elm Ulmus parvifolia
Medium Tree. Hardy elm from China. Ornamental deciduous tree that provides shade. Common street tree. Height: 8-10m Canopy spread: 9-11m Lifespan: 50-150 years
https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/17960

13. Willow myrtle

Agonis flexuosa Small Tree. Distinguished by its brilliant burgundy to purple foliage. An excellent contrast plant. Height: 3-5m Canopy spread: 2.5-3m Lifespan: 100+ years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/602

14. Magnolia

Mangnolia grandiflora. Medium tree. Evergreen with rich glossy leaves and large creamy white fragrant flowers in summer. Height: 4-8m Canopy spread: 2-5m Lifespan: 25-50 years https://plantselector.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Plants/Details/17898