



## Plant Species List for hedges

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## Carissa bispinosa (Num-num)



Height:  
Up to 5m

### Description/ Properties: \*

- Carissas are attractive, ornamental shrubs and make excellent hedges. In late summer, local inhabitants along the coastal areas of KwaZulu-Natal
- Flowering period is mainly from October to March and produce their edible berries from March to October.
- Excellent specimen for windy areas (Wind-resistant) .
- Moderately drought-resistant but frost-tender and therefore best suited to the warmer parts of the interior and coastal plains as they are very tolerant of sea breezes.
- These plants are of decorative value because of the contrast in leaves, flowers and fruit. The shining green leaves complemented by either bright red fruit or shimmering white flowers and a pleasant scent will be a welcome addition to any garden.
- They thrive near the coast or in gardens inland where winters are mild. They can be grown in gardens that have moderate frost, but the rate of growth is much slower in areas where winters are cold.

### Attraction: \*

Plants produce attractive flowers that may attract birds, insects (especially butterflies) and even monkeys to your garden.

### Maintenance:

- Moderate watering and grow in semi-shade to full sun.
- It can be lightly pruned to keep it neat.

### Planting:\*

- Plants should be spaced approximately metres apart to form an impenetrable hedge- they are well armed with thorns. They can also be used as ornamental plants in an informal border.
- Carissa bispinosa should be planted in light, well-drained soil with the addition of plenty of compost.
- It can easily be cultivated from seed.

### Carissa macrocarpa (Natal Plum)

Height:  
Up to 4m



Description/ Properties: \*

- A fast-growing, ornamental shrub that is wind resistant and can grow in coastal areas.
- The shrub makes a good garden hedge
- The fruits can be eaten raw
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Attraction: \*

The shrub attracts birds and butterflies to the garden

Maintenance:

- It can be pruned if necessary.

Planting: \*

- Plant one metre apart to form a dense, impenetrable hedge
- Planted in full sun to semi-shade in good garden soil, enriched with compost.
- It is best grown from seed, but can also be grown from cuttings.

### Chrysanthemoides monilifera (Tick Berry)

Height:  
Up to 2m +



Description/ Properties: \*

- A fast growing perennial
- The plant occurs in full sun in well-drained situations such as coastal dunes.
- Its semi-succulent nature makes it drought tolerant.
- Although it may flower throughout the year, its main flowering time is during late autumn and winter.
- The shrub is pest free and an asset to any garden.

Attraction: \*

- It is pollinated by insects and bees find it particularly attractive. The fleshy fruits, appearing shortly after the flowers, are very popular among frugatory birds .

Maintenance:\*

- It can also be pruned into a hedge.
- Ample compost annually during winter or spring will enhance growth and performance.

Planting: \*

- Requires a sunny, well-drained soil.
- The seedlings are fast growing and should be transplanted to small containers when large enough to handle.

### **Freylinia tropica (Honey Bells)**

Height:  
Up to 2m



Description/ Properties: \*

- It is fairly fast growing
- It flowers profusely yielding a light mauve to bright blue display. Flowering time for this stunning shrub is mainly in spring.
- It can withstand cold and frost but young plants must be protected during the first winter.
- Freylinia tropica is used often in South African gardens for screening.
- They are highly versatile and decorative shrubs and will work in most garden designs

Attraction:

- Flowers attract various insects and birds

Maintenance:\*

- Freylinia tropica requires a water supply throughout the year, but less in winter.

Planting: \*

- The quickest way of propagating Freylinia tropica is by using cuttings.
- Plant Freylinia tropica in semi-shade, with good; well-drained soil and plenty of compost. Trimming keeps this plant neat and encourages bushiness.

### **Pavetta lanceolata (Weeping Bride's bush)**

Height:  
Up to 5m +



Description/ Properties: \*

- Masses of flowers are borne at the ends of the branches from as early as September to January, but the peak flowering time is during November and December.
- This densely leafy, evergreen plant can be effectively used as a hedge or screen. Planting the shrub densely will ensure a very beautiful display of pure white brightness in your garden during summertime.
- The shrub tolerates full sun and some drought

Attraction: \*

- The sweetly scented flowers attract many pollinators such as birds, bees, wasps, beetles and ants.

Maintenance: \*

- They need a lot of water initially, but once established, will quickly fill an empty space and form a good screen.

Planting: \*

- Seedlings transplant fairly well.

## Plumbago auriculata (Cape-Forget-Me-Not)

Height:  
Up to 3m



### Description/ Properties: \*

- Plumbago is an extremely reliable, resilient plant which has been popular for home gardens as well as for commercial landscapes for many years.
- In summer the bush is covered with pretty trusses of pale sky blue flowers, although there are often flowers at other times of the year. The main flowering period is between November and May
- Plumbago makes a very good informal or formal hedge as it responds well to pruning.
- It will flower profusely after being cut back or after a growth flush, as it bears flowers on new wood.
- It is fast growing and drought resistant
- Plumbago is somewhat frost tender but will quickly re-grow if damaged.

### Attraction: \*

- Plumbago is visited by butterflies and is one of the larval foods plant for the common blue butterfly (*Cyclotrius pithous*) which is apparently fairly common in gardens as a result of the popularity of plumbago as a garden plant.

### Maintenance:\*

- It may need to be cut back after winter to keep it tidy, even if this is only done every few years. Plumbago will scramble into trees if allowed and, depending on the size and style of your garden, you may need to control it.

### Planting: \*

- Plumbago is propagated easily from seed, cuttings and suckers.

### Rhamnus prinoides (Dogwood)

Height:  
Up to 4,5m



Description/ Properties: \*

- A very attractive dense shrub
- The inconspicuous flowers are greenish, blooming between November and January, in small clusters in the axils of the leaves.
- It is tough and frost resistant and grows well in most soils.
- It is evergreen and is good for small gardens and hedges.

Attraction: \*

- The bees and other insects love them.
- The fruit is favoured by many bird species.

Maintenance:

- It can also be pruned into a hedge.

Planting: \*

- The dogwood can easily be grown from seed

### Tecomaria capensis (Cape Honey Suckle)

Height:  
Up to 2.5m



Description/ Properties: \*

- A fast growing shrub.
- Flowering time for this shrub is very erratic and often it flowers all year round.
- Tecoma capensis is an ornamental garden plant commonly used for screening and decorative purposes. It can also be trimmed to form a hedge.

Attraction: \*

- Flowers are tubular and bird pollinated, attracting nectar-feeding birds, especially sunbirds.

Maintenance:

- To keep this shrub clean and tidy, it must be pruned back in late winter to promote new growth and flowers
- The application of a balanced fertilizer after pruning will enhance the growth and flowering.

Planting:\*

- Tecoma capensis is widely cultivated and very easy to propagate. It can be propagated from cuttings
- Cape honeysuckle can be planted in semi-shade to full sun.