

Raising Rarity (The RBGV Cranbourne Collection)

'Raising Rarity aims to increase public knowledge and awareness of rare plants and plant communities throughout Victoria. The project uses a novel approach to save rare and threatened flora by assessing the horticultural potential of rare species, introducing these species into cultivation, and providing opportunity for home gardeners to grow these plants at home and contribute to the ongoing conservation of these species.'

Brachyscome tadgellii - vulnerable (v)



Clumping alpine perennial herb

Full sun / Part shade – well drained soil

Flowers: Spring / Summer

Cultural Notes: Requires additional watering during dry/hot periods. Long flowering species suitable for herbaceous borders and containers. Deadhead to promote flowering

Location: Endemic (only occurs) to Victoria. A rare alpine species from the Dargo High Plains, Mt Hotham, Bogong High Plains and Cobberas.

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/789d5cc8-27e5-4c1b-80fb-f9b5443fccd0>

Bauera sessiliflora - rare (r)

Grampians Bauera



Small shrub 1.5m x 1.5m

Part shade in moist well-drained soils

Flowers: Spring / Summer

Cultural notes: Tip prune after flowering to maintain bushy habit. Will bring some colour to shady areas of the garden.

Location: Endemic (only occurs) to the Grampians where moderately common in damp depressions, beside streams and in rocky gully heads, occurring throughout all but the southern part of the range

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/db3edae8-b90d-4c2c-a404-847a6d0f6066>

Grevillea dimorpha - rare (r)

Flame Grevillea



Medium shrub 1.5m x 2m

Part-shade to sun - Free draining soils

Cultural notes: Tip prune after flowering to maintain bushy habit. Attractive bright red flowers will bring the birds to your garden.

Flowers: Spring

Location: Endemic in the Grampians, growing in moister areas of dry sclerophyll forest or heath

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/0fd5c804-a455-49c4-a396-9cac1bf261b3>

Leptospermum turbinatum – rare (r)

Shiny Tea-tree



Medium shrub 2m x 2.5m

Full sun in most soil types

Flowers: Spring

Cultural notes: Tip prune after flowering to maintain bushy habit. Excellent low screening plant with large pure white Tea-tree flowers.

Location: Victorian endemic. Confined to the Grampians and nearby Mts Langi Ghiran, Buangor and Ben Nevis. Locally common on sandstone and granitic outcrops.

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/c89bc95b-73a0-4115-b3ac-371e02dcdba6>

Leucochrysum albicans subsp. *tricolor* - endangered (e)



Perennial herb, best treated as an annual

Moist free draining soils

Flowers: Spring / Summer

Cultural notes: Removal of spent flower heads will encourage longer flowering. Great species to attract pollinators including butterflies to your garden. Will die back after flowering

Location: Very rare in Victoria, the only recent collections from volcanic grassland remnants in the Wickliffe, Willaura, Streatham, Inverleigh and Creswick districts. All other Victorian collections were made last century from e.g., Mt Cole, the Grampians and the Port Fairy district.

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/b73e6f54-8032-4d29-8056-0089499d94c9>

Ozothamnus stirlingii - rare (r)

Ovens Everlasting



Medium shrub 2m x 2m

Part shade in moist well-drained soils

Flowers: Summer

Cultural notes: May require additional watering during summer. Very attractive glossy green foliage and prolific flower heads.

Location: Montane forests at c. 1000 m altitude from Mt Buller area eastward.

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/68236220-501f-4490-9525-9b092e2cc539>

Rutidosia leptorhynchoides – Federally endangered (e)



Perennial herb

Full sun / part shade moist well drained soils

Flowers: Spring - Summer

Cultural notes: Plants can be rejuvenated by hard prune at the end of summer. Beautiful floriferous species that would suit rockeries and herbaceous borders.

Location: In Victoria confined to basaltic grasslands between Rokewood and Melbourne, endangered due to loss of habitat.

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/4b7a3fa3-0079-4746-b8bb-b95fc84ddb7>

Veronica nivea - rare (r)



Snow Speedwell

Perennial herb

Flowers: Spring / Summer

Cultural notes: Responds well to pruning after flowering. A lovely purple flowering species with fine foliage ideal for a cottage style garden.

Location: Scattered in alpine and subalpine grassland, heath, bogs, and woodlands, often in disturbed habitats (e.g., road and track margins). Recorded from Mt Baw Baw and Mt Buffalo Plateaus, Lake Mountain and Falls Creek areas.

More info: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/58f4643a-f65b-4906-a08b-2fa04f656e4c>

Podolepis laciniata - rare (r)



Alpine Podolepis

Perennial herb

Flowers: Spring / Summer

Cultural Notes: Responds well to additional summer watering during extended dry periods. The long stalks topped with bright yellow flowers produced through spring and summer are especially attractive to hover flies and other garden pollinators

Location: Confined to the higher parts of the alps, in *Eucalyptus pauciflora* (Snowgum) woodland and alpine meadows above the tree line.

More info: