

Look-alikes handbook

Identification of similar native and weed species

DEDICATION

This handbook is dedicated to the late Barbara Cush Bushcare volunteer and conservationist of the endangered Turpentine Ironbark Forest at Carrs Bush-Galston. If it wasn't for Barbara's keen interest, support, enthusiasm and persistence this handbook may have never been published.

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INTRODUCTION

Many native plant species can appear very similar to exotic and weed species. This may be because of similar leaf shape, flower colour, fruit type or growth habit. While carrying out activities such as bush regeneration it can be easy to mistake these plants and remove the wrong ones.

To assist your identification skills, this handbook highlights the differences between similar looking native and exotic/weed plants found in the Sydney region. Use it to regenerate your bushland confident in the knowledge you are removing the correct plants. And remember, if in doubt, leave it until you can be sure.

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