



# Indigenous Plant Use Resources

## Books

*Wild food plants of Australia*, Tim Low (1992) - Angus and Robertson

*Bushfires and Bushtucker: Aboriginal plant use in Central Australia*, Peter Latz (1995) - IAD Press  
Alice Springs

*Edible wattle seeds of Southern Australia*, Bruce Maslin et al (1998) - CSIRO Australia

*Wild Lime: Cooking from the bushfood garden*, Juleigh Robins (1996) - Allen and Unwin Pty. Ltd.

*Adnyamathanha and beyond - useful plants of an ancient land*, Neville Bonney (2007) - Australian  
Plant Society SA region

*Knowing, Growing, Eating Edible Wild Native Plants for Southern Australia*, Neville Bonney (2012)

*Wattle Seed, the Kitchen Handbook*, Linda Hoffmann (2012)

## Teaching resources

Teaching Treasures - Bush Tucker: Lesson plans and teaching tools for specific bush foods

<http://www.teachingtreasures.com.au/teaching-tools/bushtucker/bushtuckermain.htm>

Behind the News: activities related to segment about Indigenous bush foods. Links to the Australian Curriculum.

<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/resources/teacher/episode/20130611-bushfood.pdf>

Adelaide Botanic Gardens Education Service

This site discusses the Aboriginal Plant Trail through the Gardens. The trail is designed for students in years R to 3. On the trail students develop an understanding of traditional Aboriginal lifestyle by discovering the different ways plants were used by Aboriginal people. Students are encouraged to observe, record and analyse as they learn about Aboriginal knowledge of the natural environment. It gives useful background information about the plants and the Aboriginal group that used them, including Kaurna people.

<http://www.botanic.sa.edu.au/>

Aboriginal Cultural Studies: units of work prepared by DECD and linked to the Australian Curriculum. Particularly relevant sections include 'Bush Food', 'Bush Medicine', 'Nature' and 'Seasons'. Must be a member of Scootle to view.

<http://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/viewing/S6592/ACSCountry/index.html>



## Websites

**Indigenous Gardens Resources:** [www.artssmart.sa.edu.au/files/links/Indigenous\\_Gardens\\_Resource.pdf](http://www.artssmart.sa.edu.au/files/links/Indigenous_Gardens_Resource.pdf)

A great list of resources put together by Catholic Education SA

**Australian Native Food Industry:** [www.anfil.org.au/](http://www.anfil.org.au/)

**Australian Bushfoods Magazine:** [www.ausbushfoods.com/oldmag/index.htm](http://www.ausbushfoods.com/oldmag/index.htm)

Articles about bush foods

**Landline:** [www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2012/s3522037.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2012/s3522037.htm)

Video and transcript of segment about bush foods, including interviews with Renmark High School students and Outback Pride bush foods company.

**Behind the News:** [www.abc.net.au/btn/resources/teacher/episode/20120619-bushtucker.pdf](http://www.abc.net.au/btn/resources/teacher/episode/20120619-bushtucker.pdf)

Behind the News teacher resource with activities and questions related to the Landline video above

**Aboriginal Use of Native Plants:** [http://sydney.edu.au/science/uniserve/science/school/curric/stage4\\_5/nativeplants/gallery/index.html](http://sydney.edu.au/science/uniserve/science/school/curric/stage4_5/nativeplants/gallery/index.html)

Links to resources for specific native plants

**Australian National Botanic Garden:** <http://www.anbg.gov.au/bibliography/bushfood.html>

List of books about bush foods and Aboriginal plant use

**Our Indigenous Garden:** <http://science.uniserve.edu.au/school/quests/nativeplants.html>

An Internet Web Quest on Aboriginal Use of Native Plants. It has a wealth of useful links and encourages students to look deeper from different perspectives e.g. nutritious, horticulturalist, artisan and naturopathic.

**Indigenous Plants (Adelaide):** [www.sasta.asn.au/qualityscience/primaryyears/MountzCover.html](http://www.sasta.asn.au/qualityscience/primaryyears/MountzCover.html)

This is a well-documented unit of work by two South Australian teachers where children use an investigative approach based on an Indigenous Taxonomy (ways of thinking) to develop their understandings of the relationships between indigenous plants and the local indigenous community.

**Aboriginal Use of Native Plants:** [http://science.uniserve.edu.au/school/curric/stage4\\_5/nativeplants/](http://science.uniserve.edu.au/school/curric/stage4_5/nativeplants/)

This website has a beautiful PowerPoint of native plants and a wealth of links on all aspects of the Aboriginal Use of Native Plants - excellent background material for teachers.

**Australian Plants Society SA Region:** [www.australianplantssa.asn.au](http://www.australianplantssa.asn.au)

This is a good site to use when searching for information about specific plants.

