

BUFFERS TO BUSHLAND

Buffers to Bushland is a rural revegetation scheme that sees more than 10,000 local native tubestock seedlings distributed to rural properties, schools and community groups across Playford each year.

Owners or managers of rural properties, schools and community groups in Playford may initially register and place plant orders in March or April each year at no cost.

Plants are available in boxes of 50, with the mix of species determined by what is suitable for the location, or the biological zone, of the property registered. We will provide advice on what you need for your area.

NB: Plants are not available for suburban yards and gardens.

Biological zones

We divide Playford into general biological zones, to ensure the right mix of species are directed towards the different habitats, from our well-watered hills and its multi-layered woodlands, to our semi-arid plains. There are three zones:

- The Plains extends from the coast through to where the land begins to rise east of Main North Road
- The Foothills is defined as the area between the plains and One Tree Hill / Precolumb Road and, to the north, the Gawler - One Tree Hill Road, west of the Humbug Scrub Road intersection
- The Hills zone is defined as from the Gawler - One Tree Hill Road west of the Humbug Scrub Road intersection to the top of the range

Standard Boxes



For each of these three zones we create two standard boxes with a mixture of local native species seedlings.

Overstorey (A) box containing trees and large shrubs.

Understorey (B) box, containing shrubs, herbs, grasses, climbers, grasses/sedges and groundcovers.

Each standard box of 50 plants is comprised of 10 to 13 different species. Depending on the order amount, a property owner may receive a mixture of overstorey and understorey boxes.

Stakes and tree guards

Stakes and tree guards may be available to properties to protect Buffers seedlings if required. These are an expensive component of the scheme and cannot be routinely offered with every order.

They may only be used to protect Buffers seedlings and remain the property of the scheme. The stakes and tree guards must be returned clean for redistribution when they are no longer required to protect Buffers plantings on any particular property.



Boxing up day



The 10,000+ plants are sorted and boxed by our wonderful team of volunteers at the Playford Operations Centre in Davoren Park.

All Buffers participants (owners or managers of rural properties, schools and community groups) are welcome to help our dedicated team.

Our volunteers are also responsible for cultivating at least half of the plants distributed by the scheme each year, with the remainder being purchased by Council from Trees For Life.



COLLECTION SITE

Playford Operations Centre
12 Bishopstone Road
Davoren Park SA 5113

NB: Bishopstone Road is the Playford Operations Centre's driveway. The nursery can only be accessed from the southern entrance.