

Selecting the best forage shrubs for your environment

Selecting which forage shrub species to grow is made easy with the shrub species selection tool.

- Growing a mix of shrub species decreases the chance of losing shrubs to specific pests and diseases and increases the range of nutrients on offer to livestock.
- The resilience and year-round growth habit of shrubs adds some predictability to the feed supply irrespective of season.
- Pasture options for shrub-pasture systems include annual legumes, grasses, and forage cereals.
- The selection of the best forage shrub mix depends on soil type, and constraints such as salinity and waterlogging.

To use the species selection tool, answer the questions presented in the flow chart below. Questions relate to soil type, soil constraints and likelihood of waterlogging, with answers leading to shrub species recommendations.

