

Friends of the Botanic Gardens



Plant List as at September 2011

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From time to time, other unusual plants, apart from those listed, are available in limited quantities.

***Acacia amblygona* (prostrate form)**

NATIVE MIMOSACEAE GROUND COVER SUN

Low spreading, showy ornamental shrub of inland slopes and ranges. The prostrate form originated in the Brisbane area and is a vigorous ground cover. Provides cover for small birds.

Height: 1 m x 1 m

Flowering: July to October. Globular, bright golden-yellow flower-heads.

Requirements: Hardy. Prefers abundant sun on well drained soils.

Acacia binervia

NATIVE MIMOSACEAE TREE SUN

Coastal Myall. Fast growing, medium sized tree with rough, fibrous bark. Compact crown of silvery blue curved phyllodes. Good specimen tree for streets, parks and large gardens. Bird attracting.

Height: To 16 m, usually smaller in cultivation

Flowering: Masses of lemon rod-like flower spikes in spring.

Requirements: Most well-drained soils. Likes plenty of moisture but will withstand periods of dryness. Moderately frost-resistant.

Acacia chinchillensis

NATIVE MIMOSACEAE SHRUB SUN

Very decorative ornamental, dwarf to small spreading shrub restricted in the wild to sandy soils on the Darling Downs near Chinchilla in Queensland. Very adaptable in cultivation.

Height: 0.5 - 2 m x 1 - 2 m

Flowering: Late Winter to early Spring. Long racemes of globular deep golden yellow flowers.

Requirements: Must have well drained sandy soils in a sunny or semi-shaded position. Pruning after flowering promotes a denser bush.

***Acacia fimbriata* (prostrate form)**

NATIVE MIMOSACEAE SHRUB SUN

Small bushy tree, showy and graceful with delicately scented flowers.

Height: 2 m x 3 m

Flowering: Winter/Spring, lemon to yellow fluffy flowers in globular flowerheads cover the plant.

Requirements: Will grow in full sun or semi-shade. Adaptable to a wide variety of soils and situations from northern to southern Australia, but needs good drainage. Frost hardy.

Acacia handonis SHRUB
NATIVE MIMOSACEAE SUN

Rare, small bushy shrub known only from near Chinchilla on the Darling Downs where it grows in shrubby forest.

Height: 1 - 2 m

Flowering: Winter. Globular yellow flower-heads.

Requirements: Suited to drier sub-tropical and warm temperate districts. Sunny position in well drained soils. Tolerates moderate frosts.

Acacia iteaphylla SHRUB
NATIVE MIMOSACEAE SUN

Most ornamental dense, spreading, medium to tall shrub of South Australia very adaptable to cultivation. Can be used as a low wind-break.

Height: 3 - 5 m

Flowering: Autumn/Winter, profuse pale yellow, globular flower-heads in slender racemes.

Requirements: Best in fairly well drained, light to heavy soils in partial or full sun. Drought resistant and lime tolerant.

Acacia macradenia SHRUB
NATIVE MIMOSACEAE SUN

Very hardy medium to tall shrub of hot, dry areas inland from Rockhampton; adaptable to cultivation in temperate areas if given warm situations.

Height: 3 - 4 m x 2 - 3 m

Flowering: July to August, 1cm globular, bright yellow flower-heads in racemes up to 8cm long.

Requirements: Well drained soil in a sunny or semi-shaded position.

Acacia vestita SHRUB
NATIVE MIMOSACEAE SUN

This beautiful weeping shrub with grey-green, hairy leaves is one of the best of the genus. Distribution: NSW.

Height: 3 m x 5 m

Flowering: Golden balls of flowers in spring.

Requirements: Well drained soils. It will tolerate some frost and drought. Pruning after flowering will improve shape and next year's flowering.

Acalypha wilkesiana 'Tahiti' SHRUB
EXOTIC EUPHORBIACEAE SUN

Fijian Fire Plant. Colourful, tropical shrub from S.E. Asia and the South Pacific with dramatic gold and green variegated leaves.

Height: 3 m x 3 m

Flowering: Insignificant flowers. Grown for its foliage.

Requirements: Warm sheltered spot with plenty of water in summer. Prune lightly in late winter, followed by feeding. Frost tender.

Acokanthera oblongifolia 'Variegata' SHRUB
EXOTIC APOCYNACEAE SUN

Medium sized shrub with grey-green and reddish maroon variegated leaves, pinkish when young.

Height: 2 - 3 m

Flowering: Spring/Summer, dense clusters of fragrant, white flowers followed by purple, olive sized, POISONOUS berries.

Requirements: Easy care in full sun and well drained soil. Prune after flowering to prevent fruit formation.

Acorus gramineus 'Ogon' PERENNIAL
EXOTIC ACORACEAE SUN

Native to Japan, this is a miniature rhizomatous perennial 'flag' with soft, curved, narrow green and gold aromatic leaves. Grows along stream banks and in marshes. Spreads by creeping roots to form dense tufts.

Height: 0.3 m

Flowering: Inconspicuous flowers. Grown for the foliage.

Requirements: Easily grown in any boggy spot or in shallow water at pond edge. Cut back occasionally to limit growth. Appreciates relief from hot afternoon sun in summer which can brown leaf tips. Tolerates cold.

Adenanthos sericeus

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Woollybush. Fast-growing, tall shrub/small tree, with spreading branches and soft hairy leaves that give it an ornamental, greyish appearance.

Height: To 5 m**Flowering:** Throughout the year, 3 to 4 cm red flowers, partially hidden in the foliage.**Requirements:** Extremely well-drained soil. Best in full sun. Frost and salt tolerant, but dislikes humidity. Good for windbreaks and as a screen plant.**Aeschynanthus cv 'Bali'**

EXOTIC GESNERIACEAE

TRAILER
SEMI SHADE

Evergreen, epiphytic, trailing perennial from Brazil with fleshy pointed leaves.

Height: N/A**Flowering:** Bright red, trumpet shaped flowers, larger than those of Aeschynanthus tricolor.**Requirements:** Best grown in pots or hanging baskets in good quality mix. Can also be grown epiphytically in trees. Likes warmth and dappled shade. Water well in summer, less in winter.**Aeschynanthus parasiticus**

EXOTIC GESNERIACEAE

TRAILER
SEMI SHADE

Leaves are slightly waxy and orange red. Long stems can be shortened to promote bushy growth of the plant.

Height: N/A**Flowering:** Through the warm months.**Requirements:** Best grown in pot or hanging basket in good quality potting mix containing plenty of humus. Likes warmth and dappled shade.**Aeschynanthus tricolor**

EXOTIC GESNERIACEAE

TRAILER
SEMI SHADE

Evergreen epiphytic trailing perennial from Brazil. Leaves fleshy and pointed.

Height: N/A**Flowering:** Small dark red trumpet shaped flowers with yellow and black spots in throat clustered at ends of branches.**Requirements:** Part shade in hanging basket or crotch of tree. Coarse indoor plant mix. Water freely in growing period, keep just damp in winter.**Agapetes meiniana**

NATIVE ERICACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

From the same mountainous region in Queensland as Rhododendron lochia. Rare, evergreen spreading shrub.

Height: To 1.5 m**Flowering:** Late summer. Green flushed red tubular flowers.**Requirements:** Prefers light shade and humidity.**Agave attenuata**

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

Spineless perennial succulent with thick stems crowned by a compact rosette of broad, soft textured, pale green leaves.

Height: 1.5 m**Flowering:** Spring and Summer. 3m arched flower-spike of densely packed, greenish yellow flowers.**Requirements:** Well drained gritty soil in full sun. Water only in Summer.**Agave flexispina**

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

From Mexico, a solitary or slowly clumping agave, an open rosette of comparatively few fleshy blue-grey leaves with brown to black pliable spines on the leaf margins.

Height: 0.25 - 0.35 m x 0.7 m**Flowering:** Tall inflorescence of clusters of yellow flowers to 4m.**Requirements:** Full sun in free draining soil. Water in summer. Hardy.**Agave geminiflora**

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN/SEMI SHADE

Long, narrow, dark green leaves forming a dense rosette. Leaves may have a slight red-brown tip.

Height: 1m x 1.2m**Flowering:** When mature, pairs of yellow flowers on a spike to 4m. Plant dies after flowering.**Requirements:** Very well-drained soil in sun or light shade. Drought tolerant. Allow to dry out between waterings in summer and water infrequently in winter. Good pot specimen.

Ajania pacifica

EXOTIC ASTERACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

From Russia and northern Japan, perennial with scalloped felt-like leaves with silver undersides.

Height: 0.3 m x 0.45 m

Flowering: Clusters of yellow button-like flowerheads.

Requirements: Hardy plants that adapt to exposed positions or partial shade. Well drained moderately fertile soil, which should be kept moist.

Alloxylon flammeum

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

TREE
SUN

Tree Waratah. Highly ornamental, medium to tall tree with a dense, bushy canopy, spectacular in flower. Restricted to Atherton Tableland where it grows in deep red-brown loams in rainforest. Now rare because of land clearing. Grows well as far south as southern Vic.

Height: 20 - 30 m in habitat, about 10 m in cultivation

Flowering: August - October, red waratah flowers, bird attracting.

Requirements: Loamy soil and protection when young. Mulching and watering during dry spells.

Alocasia brisbanensis

NATIVE ARACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Fleshy, rhizomatous perennial with 0.5 - 2m long erect fleshy leaves, dark green and lustrous. Common in rainforest and moist areas of eastern Australia. All parts of the plant are poisonous.

Height: 1 - 2 m x 1 m

Flowering: November to March. Spadix of tiny pleasantly fragrant pale yellow flowers subtended by greenish-yellow hood-shaped spathe followed by poisonous red berries.

Requirements: Hardy in southern areas needing well drained moist soil with organic litter and manure. Looks best in sheltered sites under trees, blending in very well with ferns and other shade lovers. Hardy tub plant.

Aloe acutissima

EXOTIC LILIACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

Attractive smallish succulent has grey-green leaves. Makes an impressive border plant

Height: 1.5 m

Flowering: Spikes of orange flowers

Requirements: Well drained soil in full sun. Tolerates light frost and salt air. Drought tolerant.

Aloe barbadensis syn. Aloe vera

EXOTIC LILIACEAE

SUCCULENT
SEMI SHADE

Renowned for its medicinal properties, this succulent plant has rosettes of six lance shaped greyish green leaves with small whitish teeth on the margins. Syrupy leaf juice used in skin care products and for treating burns.

Height: To 0.6 m

Flowering: In summer, small orange yellow flowers in spikes to 1m high

Requirements: Warm dry climate and well drained soil.

Alpinia caerulea

NATIVE ZINGIBERACEAE

SHRUB
SHADE

Erect stems bearing large light green leaves in single plane on opposite sides of the stem. Ideal patio tub plant and may be used as indoor plant.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: White flowers in terminal inflorescence followed by blue globular fruits, 1cm diameter.

Requirements: Well composted soil in partial or heavy shade and keep reasonably moist. Attractive pond edge feature.

Alternanthera dentata

EXOTIC AMARANTHACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

From West Indies to Brazil; grown as a border plant for its red foliage.

Height: 0.5 m

Flowering: N/A

Requirements: Keep compact by shearing. Warm sunny position.

Alyogyne hakeifolia SHRUB
NATIVE MALVACEAE SUN

Medium, upright much-branched shrub with soft, divided leaves.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Hibiscus-like flowers, 8cm. long, last only 1 or 2 days, but new flowers open continuously from late spring into summer. Flowers may be mauve-blue with red centres or cream with red centres.

Requirements: Full sun, shelter from winds. Well-drained soil. Tolerates mild frosts. Prune to shape if desired.

Alyogyne huegelii SHRUB
NATIVE MALVACEAE SUN

Rounded shrub with lobed leaves to 6cm.

Height: 2 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: Spring, summer and autumn. Profuse mauve, dark purple or white flowers to 12cm diameter.

Requirements: Very hardy, suited to most soils and sunny position. Moderately frost hardy. Protect from heavy frost. Prune back after flowering to keep compact.

Anetholea anisata* syn. *Backhousia anisata TREE
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Aniseed Tree. Tall tree with reddish-brown bark from north-eastern NSW. Lanceolate leaves to 9cm with strong aniseed perfume.

Height: To 25 m, but much smaller in cultivation (8m).

Flowering: White flowers, 1cm in diameter, with prominent anthers, in summer.

Requirements: Hardy in low frost areas as far south as Melbourne. Rich, well-composted soil, regular watering, some shade when young.

Angophora hispida TREE
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Ornamental, spreading, small tree of Australian east coast with eye-catching deep purple-red new growth. Foliage, flower-buds and seed capsules very useful in floral decorations. Broad stem-clasping leaves, rough and hairy.

Height: To 7m

Flowering: Summer, 2cm wide white-cream flowers in dense terminal clusters.

Requirements: Wide range of climatic and soil conditions but best in well drained soil with plenty of sun.

Anisodontea 'Pink Star' SHRUB
EXOTIC MALVACEAE SUN

A quick growing shrub from South Africa, with an almost continuous display of flowers.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Pale pink flowers with dark pink central markings.

Requirements: Grows well in Mediterranean climates, needs water at dry times.

Archontophoenix cunninghamiana PALM
NATIVE ARACEAE SUN

Bangalow Palm. Slender, fast growing palm of the east coast with a graceful crown of arching, dark green fronds and a straight, grey trunk ringed by the scars of fallen fronds.

Height: 20 m

Flowering: Lilac-purple flowers on inflorescence arising below the crown-shaft, followed by bright red fruit.

Requirements: Moist fertile soil in light to filtered shade when young. Will tolerate full sun by the time it reaches 5m.

Arthropodium cirrhatum PERENNIAL
EXOTIC ANTHERICACEAE SEMI SHADE

N.Z. species bearing graceful sprays of starry white flowers 2.5 cm across on stems above the tufts of broad handsome leaves. Looks like Hosta and is a good substitute in hot summer climates where Hosta languishes.

Height: 0.9 m x 0.3 m.

Flowering: Late Spring/early Summer, nodding 2.5cm wide star-shaped white flowers flecked purple and yellow and with white anthers and filaments borne in lax panicles 30cm long.

Requirements: Sheltered spot in fertile well drained soil.

Aspidistra elatior

EXOTIC LILIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Cast-iron Plant. Evergreen, rhizomatous perennial from China, with upright, dark green, lance-like leaves. Grown for its glossy foliage and ability to withstand poor conditions. Spreads in clumps.

Height: To 0.6 m

Flowering: Very occasionally, inconspicuous, small, white to purple flowers produced on a short stalk near ground level.

Requirements: Best grown in well-drained soil in a cool, shady position away from direct sunlight. May be grown as a houseplant. Frost tender.

Austromyrtus dulcis

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

A low shrub from northern NSW with reddish new growth and tiny white flowers, similar to tea tree. The fruit is white, edible and sweet.

Height: 0.5 m x 1 m

Flowering: Spring and Summer.

Requirements: Most soils and aspects are satisfactory but ample water is essential during dry spells. Tolerates heavy shade and frost.

Backhousia citriodora

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

TREE
SEMI SHADE

Small bushy tree with 5-12cm long broadly lance-shaped reddish green young leaves maturing to glossy deep green, with a distinctive lemon scent.

Height: 3 - 15 m x 2 - 6 m

Flowering: Summer to Autumn, umbels 10-15cm or more across of creamy white flowers.

Requirements: Prefers semi shade but will grow in full sun in cool districts. Well drained soil rich in organic matter. Watering during dry spells.

Banksia blechnifolia

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Naturally prostrate banksia from Esperance, WA, one of the hardiest of all western banksias.

Height:

0.2 - 0.5 m x 2 - 4 m

Flowering:

September to February. Flower heads are 20cm long dusky-red to salmon with yellow stamens.

Requirements:

Very adaptable and vigorous ornamental species. It will grow in a wide range of well drained soils, appreciates extra water in dry periods. Drought tolerant and withstands medium frosts.

Banksia ericifolia ssp macrantha

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Heath-leaved Banksia. Grows in coastal districts of northern NSW. Dense shrub or small tree with spiky, dark leaves.

Height: To 5 m

Flowering: Long (to 25cm) flame coloured flower heads, larger and more deeply coloured than *Banksia ericifolia*. Takes 5-8 years to produce first flowers.

Requirements: Very well-drained soil. Salt tolerant. Good windbreak or screen plant. Attracts birds.

Banksia petiolaris

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Stiff, toothed leaves stand erect on prostrate stems in this attractive WA species.

Height: 0.5 m x 3 m

Flowering: Yellowish flowers borne terminally on vertical spikes 12cm long seem to emerge from the ground in spring and summer.

Requirements: Full sun and perfect drainage are essential.

Banksia robur

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Upright shrub, leathery leaves to 30 cm long x 8cm wide with serrate margin. Lignotuberal growth. Distribution: swampy areas of NSW and Queensland.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Flowers are blue-green in bud and yellow-green when open, over most months of the year.

Requirements: Very hardy species, prefers damp, sunny location, but will survive drier areas.

Barleria micans SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN

Very dense multi-branched shrub with erect spikes of flowers. From India, prefers tropical, humid conditions.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Spring. Golden flowers.

Requirements: Slightly moist rich soil. Grows best in temperate and sub-tropical gardens.

Barringtonia neo-caledonica TREE
EXOTIC BARRINGTONIACEAE SUN

Small ornamental tree of tropic north but adaptable to warm climates further south. Beautiful garden specimen.

Height: To 10 m

Flowering: Sporadic. Fluffy flowers in long racemes followed by woody fruits.

Requirements: Damp well drained soil and a warm position.

Beaumontia grandiflora CLIMBER
EXOTIC APOCYNACEAE SUN

Very beautiful vigorous evergreen twining climber with broadly oblong-ovate, downy, reddish-brown leaves 10-25cm long, maturing to glossy deep green. Indigenous from India to Vietnam.

Height: 5 - 15 m

Flowering: Late Spring to Summer, trumpet shaped fragrant, 8-13 cm long flowers white with green bases.

Requirements: Frost tender. Moist, fertile, humus rich soil in full sun. Prune after flowering. Needs strong support.

Begonia aconitifolia PERENNIAL
EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Vigorous cane begonia with deeply cut, dark green leaves spotted silver.

Height: 1.2 - 2 m

Flowering: Clusters of white flowers tinged with pink. Blooms repeatedly.

Requirements: Well drained soil or mix. Prefers filtered light. Frost tender. Do not overwater.

Begonia acutifolia PERENNIAL
EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE SUN/SHADE

Native to Jamaica, this shrub-like species will grow in conditions from full sun to full shade. An excellent garden subject.

Height: 0.5 - 0.75m (medium sized)

Flowering: Throughout the year. Pink in full sun to almost white in full shade.

Requirements: Well drained garden soil or potting mix. Frequent tip pruning will develop a well-shaped and most attractive shrub.

Begonia angularis PERENNIAL
EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE SHADE

Evergreen cane-stemmed begonia from Brazil has slender angular stems, zigzagged towards apex. Long, ovate, sharp pointed leaves, 7-13cms, are bright green above and paler green to purple beneath. Leaf margins are slightly toothed.

Height: To 2.5 m

Flowering: White flowers in cymes late winter to early spring.

Requirements: Well-drained soil. Grows best in good light, but shade from direct sunlight. Moderate water and balanced liquid fertilizer every few weeks during growth. Water sparingly in winter. Pinch growing points to produce a bushy plant. Cut back overlong canes after flowering.

Begonia arborescens var. oxyphylla PERENNIAL
EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Shrub-like rhizomatous begonia from Brazil with narrow leaves about 6cms across.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: White or pink flowers in summer/autumn.

Requirements: Well drained soil in part sun to light shade. Moderate water, less in winter. Will accept heavy pruning.

Begonia bufoderma PERENNIAL
EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Shrub-like begonia with red stems and attractive large, glossy, mid green leaves.

Height: To 0.8 m

Flowering: Clusters of white flowers with pronounced yellow stamens.

Requirements: Well drained soil in dappled shade.

Begonia 'Cathedral'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Sometimes called 'Cathedral Window' or Stained Glass Begonia. Rhizomatous begonia suitable for garden or pot culture with rounded leaves, green above, burgundy red beneath with strongly waved creased margins. Upper leaf shows oval patches of red.

Height: 0.2 m**Flowering:** Unspectacular pink flowers in Spring. Grown for its foliage display.**Requirements:** Best in a pot in light, well drained potting mix in shade or dappled light and no direct sunlight. Moderate water and balanced liquid fertilizer every few weeks during growth. Water sparingly in Winter. Cut back overlong canes in Spring.***Begonia 'Cleopatra'***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Easy to grow rhizomatous begonia with crowded, sharply lobed, yellow-green and purplish brown leaves.

Height: 0.5 m**Flowering:** Spring, profuse long stemmed sprays of pale pink flowers.**Requirements:** Best in a pot in light well drained potting mix in semi shade and no direct sunlight. Moderate water and balanced liquid fertilizer every few weeks during growth. Water sparingly in winter. Cut back overlong canes in spring. Can tolerate more sun and makes a fine balcony plant.***Begonia 'Concord'***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Syn. *Begonia* 'Richmondensis Purpurea'. Low-growing, small-leaved shrub-like begonia with purplish-bronze leaves.

Height: 0.6 m**Flowering:** Profuse white flowers from late winter through summer**Requirements:** Prefers a high light area with some sun and responds to frequent tip pruning. Does equally well in pot or garden***Begonia convolvulacea***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Sprawling begonia which can be trained up a trellis but needs to be tied to support. Also can be used as ground cover or in a hanging basket. Very successful in the Sydney area.

Height: 2 m**Flowering:** Late Winter to Summer, masses of tiny white flowers.**Requirements:** Free draining mix and frequent watering. Regular weekly or fortnightly fertilizing throughout the growing season. Tip prune to encourage laterals. Prune hard after flowering.***Begonia 'Coral West'***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Attractive small begonia with small, bright green leaves on reddish brown stems.

Height: 0.5 m**Flowering:** Profusion of coral red flowers in spring and summer.**Requirements:** Well-drained soil in dappled shade. Moderate water. Tip prune to encourage laterals.***Begonia diadema***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Erect, rhizomatous begonia, with green stems and green to reddish- brown leaves, 3-7.5 cm. long. Leaves are deeply divided with prominent silver spots in rows along either side of the main vein of each lobe.

Height: 0.7 m to 1 m.**Flowering:** White with a pink flush, in late summer.**Requirements:** Semi-shade in well drained soil or in a pot in free draining mix.***Begonia domingensis***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Bushy, erect subshrub from the Caribbean with green to purplish-green stems and crinkly, shiny, darkish-green leaves, 3-12 cm long.

Height: To 0.75 m**Flowering:** Long stemmed inflorescences of fragrant pink flowers, winter and spring.**Requirements:** Moist, well-drained soil in filtered light. Likes humidity. Tip prune to promote bushy growth.

Begonia egregia

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Species native to Brazil, classified as 'thick stemmed', excellent garden subject. Large leaves have rough textured surface. Prune as required to keep in shape.

Height: To 3 m**Flowering:** White flowers in winter.**Requirements:** Does not tolerate full sun but needs lightly shaded position. Use as specimen plant in any garden setting.***Begonia 'Erythrophylla'***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Rhizomatous begonia with thick, rounded, hairless leaves mid to dark green above and dark reddish brown beneath.

Height: 0.2 m x 0.3 m**Flowering:** Late Winter/early Spring light pink flowers held well above the foliage.**Requirements:** Best in a pot in light, well drained potting mix in shade or dappled light and no direct sunlight. Moderate water and balanced liquid fertilizer every few weeks during growth. Water sparingly in Winter. Cut back overlong canes in Spring.***Begonia foliosa***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Dainty, evergreen shrubby plant, branching heavily and covered with glossy, dark green oblong leaves, reddish when young. Good container plant.

Height: 1 m**Flowering:** Summer and autumn with 4-5 petalled white tipped pink backed flowers, hanging on slender stems.**Requirements:** Leaf rich, mildly acid soil, kept moist but perfectly drained. Frost tender.***Begonia fuchsioides***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Shrub-like with small dark green leaves and red flowers produced in abundance in winter. There are a number of excellent hybrids which resemble this begonia.

Height: 1.2 x 0.45m**Flowering:** Red flowers in abundance in winter.**Requirements:** Excellent garden plant which shows best when several are close planted in a group. Light shade with some morning sun for best results.***Begonia fuchsioides 'Red Cascade'***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Cane stemmed shrubby begonia native to Venezuela very suitable for outdoor use. Has a closely branched habit of gracefully drooping branches.

Height: 1 m**Flowering:** Autumn to Spring. Numerous sprays of small coral-red flowers.**Requirements:** Good light and ventilation in frost free climate. Humus rich soil with added leaf-mold and rotted cow manure. Pinch back young plants to keep compact and encourage flowers.***Begonia 'Garcia'***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

An Australian cultivar. A shrub-like begonia with mid-green, glossy foliage and a good growth habit.

Height: To 1 m**Flowering:** White flowers produced on each growing tip in spring through autumn.**Requirements:** Dappled sunlight in well drained soil or potting mix. Allow to dry out between waterings. Tip prune in early spring and prune back after flowering.***Begonia holtonis var. holtonis***

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Bushy plant with attractive foliage and reddish stems.

Height: 0.75m - 1 m**Flowering:** Long-lasting, pendant clusters of small white flowers.**Requirements:** Full or dappled shade. Well drained humus-rich soil. Pinch out growing tips to promote bushiness. Good in hanging baskets.

Begonia 'Irene Nuss'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Cane stemmed begonia with ovate-oblique, wavy margined deeply lobed leaves 20cm long; bronze above and red beneath. Frost tender.

Height: 0.75m x 0.6m

Flowering: Throughout Summer. Dark coral pink 4cm wide flowers freely produced in large pendant panicles.

Requirements: No direct sun. Moderate water during growth and sparingly in Winter. Moderate humidity. Cut back overlong canes in Spring or early Summer. Frost tender.

Begonia 'Island Gem'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

A shrub-like begonia, a cross between *Begonia cubensis* and *Begonia 'Titan'*.

Height: To 0.6 m

Flowering: Pinkish white flowers most of the year.

Requirements: Best in full sun, in well drained soil, where it will flower all year. Immune to powdery mildew. Prune to shape and size as required, with an annual heavy pruning in late winter.

Begonia juliana

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Shrub-like species from Sao Paulo, with rusty brown stems and green leaves with pinkish/purple undersides.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: White flowers in spring.

Requirements: Semi shaded position in well drained soil. Prune to shape after flowering. Use a controlled release fertiliser with fortnightly applications of liquid fertiliser.

Begonia labordei* syn. *B. polyantha

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Attractive, shrub-like species, good for tub or garden culture. Stems and backs of leaves are reddish-brown.

Height: To 0.5 m

Flowering: Clusters of small, white flowers with pink stipules in winter/spring.

Requirements: Well lit but shaded position. Well drained soil.

Begonia listada

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Beautiful, sprawling begonia that makes an excellent ground cover in shade. Deep green, velvety leaves have a lime green stripe along the mid-vein.

Height: 0.3m x 0.3m

Flowering: Autumn/Winter, white flowers stand well above the foliage.

Requirements: Light, well drained neutral to slightly acid potting mix in bright light indoors or in well drained humus rich neutral to slightly acid soil outdoors. Best in deep shade under trees and shrubs. Tip prune to encourage lateral growth.

Begonia luxurians 'Palm Leaf'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Shrub-like begonia with bronze-green leaves borne umbrella-like at the tops of erect, largely unbranched 15cm long stems.

Height: To 2.5m

Flowering: Spring/Summer. 10cm wide cymes of many slightly fragrant yellowish-white flowers.

Requirements: Light, well drained neutral to slightly acid potting mix in bright light indoors or in well drained humus rich neutral to slightly acid soil outdoors in part shade. Prick out growing tips twice during the growing season to encourage compact growth.

Begonia metallica

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Mexican shrub-like begonia has most attractive foliage. The broad pointed metallic olive-green leaves have deep pink hairy stems.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Summer through Autumn. Attractive pink flowers with red hairs.

Requirements: Well drained garden soil or potting mix. Good for the shaded garden. Pinch prune from an early stage to produce a compact plant.

Begonia 'Oyster Leaf'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

A rhizomatous hybrid with an upright habit. Rhizomes may be tip pruned to encourage lateral development with the tips making excellent cutting material.

Height: .

Flowering: Masses of pink flowers held above the foliage in spring.

Requirements: Bright to medium shade for best results. Can be used to advantage as a mass display or as a border plant.

Begonia peltata

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Originating in Mexico /Guatemala this shrub-like species is also known as *Begonia incana*. Unusual; with hairy, felted leaves and will grow in temperate or tropical areas. Good pot-plant.

Height: 0.75m

Flowering: White flowers in Spring.

Requirements: Semi-shade in well drained mix.

Begonia 'Pink Rubra'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Tall, upright with cane-like stems and large, oval, light green leaves, sometimes with white spots.

Height: To 1.5m

Flowering: Long lasting pendant clusters of showy flowers in pinky-red throughout the year.

Requirements: Best in filtered sunlight. Can take some winter sun. Can be grown in pots, in the ground or in hanging baskets in moist but well drained soil. Frost tender.

Begonia reniformis

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Spreading fibrous rooted begonia with large glossy kidney shaped leaves, mid green above and somewhat hairy underneath.

Height: 0.3m - 0.75m.

Flowering: Clusters of small white flowers held on stems above the foliage in spring or summer.

Requirements: Best in filtered sunlight.

Begonia 'Richmondensis'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN/SHADE

Shrub-like begonia with dark green leaves with attractive red edges and undersides. Will grow in conditions from full sun to full shade, though the leaves will be greener in full shade. An excellent garden subject. Good as a border.

Height: 0.5 - 0.75m (medium sized)

Flowering: Salmon-pink flowers throughout the year.

Requirements: Well drained garden soil or potting mix. Frequent tip pruning will develop a well-shaped and most attractive shrub.

Begonia 'Rose'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Angel Wing begonia. Bright glossy green leaves, a chance seedling from *Begonia coccinea*.

Height: 1.5 m

Flowering: Bright rose-pink flowers in pendant clusters in summer and autumn.

Requirements: Rich, moist soil in protected semi-shade. Drought and frost tender.

Begonia 'Rosie'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

A Ross Bolwell pink flowering hybrid cane-like begonia, medium height.

Height: 0.6 m to 1.2 m

Flowering: Rose red, profuse, spring to autumn.

Requirements: Deep well drained soil and at least 3 hours sunshine per day, preferably morning. Prune hard in late winter. Feed regularly. A very good pot subject.

Begonia sanguinea

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Brazilian shrub-like species with most attractive medium sized leathery leaves. Excellent pot subject.

Height: 0.5m

Flowering: White flowers from Winter into Spring.

Requirements: As for others.

Begonia scharffiana

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

From Brazil, this frost tender shrub-like plant has 25 cm long, tapered leaves, bronze green above and with red veins beneath. The stems are covered with tiny hairs.

Height: To 1.5 m

Flowering: Winter to spring, panicles of white to pink-white flowers 5cm across, with dark pink to reddish hairs on the back of the flowers.

Requirements: Well drained soil. Shade from hot afternoon sun. Tip prune twice during the growing season.

Begonia scharffii

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

From Brazil, this frost tender, shrub-like plant has 25cm long tapered, bronze-green leaves with red veins above and red underneath. The stems and leaves are covered with tiny hairs.

Height: 1.2 m x 0.6 m wide

Flowering: Summer to autumn, panicles of white to pink-white flowers 5cm across, with light pink hairs on the back of the flowers.

Requirements: As for other Begonias, shade from hot afternoon sun. Tip prune twice during the growing season.

Begonia 'Silver Jewel'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

This rhizomatous plant is one of the best of the Begonia hybrids. It has attractively marked pustular leaves. Ideally suited to a hanging basket or tumbling over a rockery.

Height: Low growing, it forms a compact plant on maturity.

Flowering: White flowers in Spring.

Requirements: Needs a shaded position and dislikes direct sun. Feed well using water soluble and slow release fertiliser.

Begonia 'Sophie Cecile'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Cane stemmed begonia with ovate-acute, slightly wavy margined, palmately lobed leaves 20cm long, glossy green splashed with silver. Frost tender. One of the best American hybrids.

Height: 1.3m x 0.6m wide

Flowering: Spring to Summer slightly fragrant pink flowers 4cm across freely produced in panicles.

Requirements: For best results plant 2 or 3 plants together with at least 3 hours sun daily. Potassium rich fertilizer in late Spring to ensure bloom, otherwise grow as for other begonias.

Begonia 'Titan'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

A semperflorens cultivar, a cross between B. Fischeri and B. U315, produced by Peter Sharp. Leaves may be green or bronze.

Height: To 0.6 m.

Flowering: Pink flowers most of the year.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in light shade. Pinch out growing tips to produce a bushy plant.

Begonia undulata

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Tall growing cane type producing masses of flowers.

Height: To 1.8m

Flowering: Late Spring well into Winter, masses of white flowers.

Requirements: Sunny position with at least 4 hours sunshine per day for optimum flowering and will tolerate full sun. Feed well.

Begonia 'White Cane'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Cane-stemmed begonia forms a rounded clump. Light green leaves with wavy margins.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Large clusters of waxy white pendulous flowers mainly through Spring and Summer.

Requirements: Tolerates sun but can be grown in dappled shade.

Begonia 'White Showers'

EXOTIC BEGONIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

A low-growing, somewhat sprawling cane-like begonia, an Australian hybrid.

Height: To 1 m**Flowering:** A prolific flowerer. Clusters of white flowers from late spring into winter.**Requirements:** Best with some morning sun. Happy in a tub or the open garden.**Belamcanda chinensis**

EXOTIC IRIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Clump forming perennial with mid to deep-green 20cm long leaves.

Height: 0.45 - 0.9m**Flowering:** Spring. Succession of up to 12 wide-opening flowers 4cm across, bright yellow to orange red with maroon spots, followed by large black seeds.**Requirements:** Humus rich moist but well drained soil that does not dry out in Summer.**Blandfordia grandiflora**

NATIVE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Christmas Bells. From central and northern NSW and southern Queensland. Slow growing, grass-like plant with narrow leaves and bell shaped flowers.

Height: To 0.5 m**Flowering:** Groups of 6 or more flowers, usually red with a yellow tip, on long stems in Dec/Jan.**Requirements:** Moist well drained soil, preferably a sandy loam, in sun. Moderately frost tolerant. Suitable for pots.**Brachyscome formosa (Pilliga form)**

NATIVE ASTERACEAE

GROUND COVER
SUN

A lovely ground-covering daisy distributed from the Pilliga Scrub of N.E. NSW to south of Cowra, usually in woodland and dry sclerophyll forest. Does well in rockeries, borders and hanging baskets.

Height: 0.01 m - 0.15m**Flowering:** Spring to Autumn and also sporadic. Profuse and conspicuous 2.5 – 3.5 cm wide flowers are bright rosy-pink with yellow centres.**Requirements:** Best in sun or semi-shade and in well-drained soil with assured moisture. Tolerates short dry periods and responds to light applications of slow release or water soluble fertilizers. Pruning old foliage stimulates new growth.**Bromeliads**

We have a range of bromeliads for sale. Availability depends on what is in excess of the needs of the Gardens when beds are being renovated or specimen plants are being divided. Sometimes we have small plants in larger numbers, grown from seed as available. Genera may include the following:

<i>Acanthostachys</i>	<i>Billbergia</i>	<i>Neoregelia</i>	<i>Portea</i>	<i>Vriesea</i>
<i>Aechmea</i>	<i>Dyckia</i>	<i>Nidularium</i>	<i>Puya</i>	
<i>Alcantarea</i>	<i>Guzmania</i>	<i>Ochagavia</i>	<i>Tillandsia</i>	

Brugmansia suaveolens 'Frosty Pink'

EXOTIC SOLANACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Angel's Trumpet. Evergreen, round-headed shrub or small tree from South America, with broad, lanceolate, smooth leaves. All parts of the plant are narcotic and deadly POISONOUS.

Height: To 5 m**Flowering:** Large, pendulous, funnel-shaped pink flowers, lightly scented, in flushes throughout the year.**Requirements:** Plenty of light but out of direct sun in the heat of the day. Fertile well-drained soil. Protect from wind. May be pruned in early spring.**Brugmansia x candida**

EXOTIC SOLANACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADEAngel's Trumpet. Evergreen round-headed shrub or small tree from South America, with downy, oval leaves. A hybrid of *Brugmansia aurea* and *Brugmansia versicolor*. All parts of the plant are POISONOUS.**Height:** To 5 m**Flowering:** Large, pendulous, trumpet shaped, white flowers, strongly scented, particularly at night, in flushes throughout the year.**Requirements:** Prefers full light but out of direct sunlight in the heat of the day. Fertile well drained soil. Protect from wind. May be pruned in early spring.

Brunfelsia americana SHRUB
EXOTIC SOLANACEAE SUN

Erect to spreading shrub or small tree with night scented flowers, native to the West Indies.

Height: 2 - 5m x 1 - 3m

Flowering: Summer. 8cm long night-scented white flowers which age to creamy yellow, so white, cream and yellow flowers are on the bush at the same time.

Requirements: Fertile, humus rich, moist but well drained soil in full sun and afternoon shade. Tip prune young plants to promote branching.

Brunfelsia pauciflora SHRUB
EXOTIC SOLANACEAE SUN

Slow growing open branched evergreen shrub from South and Central America, dramatic in bloom with abundant large fragrant flowers and dull dark-green leathery leaves.

Height: 1.5m x 1.5m

Flowering: All Spring and early Summer. Clusters of flowers open purple and fade to mauve and almost to white over successive days.

Requirements: Frost free site in full sun or afternoon shade. Fertile well drained soil and ample water in summer. Prune after flowering to promote bushiness.

Buckinghamia celsissima TREE
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Tall shrub to medium tree with spectacular flowers. Hardy as far south as Melbourne.

Height: 5 - 10m

Flowering: Summer. Small creamy white sweetly fragrant flowers in 10 to 20cm long pendulous racemes.

Requirements: Well drained acid soil in sunny position. Responds to water in dry spells and regular applications of suitable fertilizer. Frost tender when young.

Buddleja lindleyana SHRUB
EXOTIC LOGANIACEAE SUN

From China, an attractive evergreen to semi-evergreen shrub with arching canes of nodding, tapered spikes of flowers.

Height: 2 - 3m

Flowering: Spikes of violet flowers in Summer.

Requirements: Thrives in any soil type preferring full sun and good drainage. Prune in Winter.

Buxus microphylla SHRUB
EXOTIC BUXACEAE SEMI SHADE

An evergreen shrub or small tree from East Asia. Usually clipped to shape.

Height: To 2.4m x 2 m

Flowering: Insignificant

Requirements: Hardy to most soils, with moderate drainage. Best results with even moisture but can survive short periods of drought.

Calliandra haematocephala SHRUB
EXOTIC MIMOSACEAE SUN

From tropical South America, this pretty shrub grows and flowers well in warm temperate areas.

Height: 2 m - 2.5m

Flowering: Autumn/Winter with large 8cm diameter fluffy red flower-heads.

Requirements: Well drained fertile soil, full sun. Prune back in late Winter to keep compact.

Calliandra portoricensis SHRUB
EXOTIC MIMOSACEAE SUN

This West Indian plant has an open habit and delicate looking pinnate leaves.

Height: 3 - 5m but can be cut back to keep lower.

Flowering: White fluffy flower-heads open progressively from Spring to Autumn.

Requirements: Well drained fertile soil in sun. Water well in growing season.

Callistemon pearsonii SHRUB
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Low, spreading shrub from Queensland with narrow, pointed leaves, 3cm long. Young growth is pink and hairy.

Height: To 1.5m x 1.5m

Flowering: Late spring and summer, small red flower spikes with yellow tipped anthers.

Requirements: Full sun. Will tolerate most soils. Frost hardy. Bird attracting.

***Callistemon recurvus* (pink)**

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

A smaller form of *Callistemon recurvus*.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Bright pink flowers in spring.

Requirements: Suitable for most conditions. Drought and frost tolerant. Full sun to part shade. Prune back after flowering.

Calostemma purpureum

NATIVE AMARYLLIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Garland Lily. Grown for its attractive pink to purplish flowers in summer or autumn. Sparse narrow leaves. There is a pale yellow flowered form.

Height: Flowering stems to 0.3m.

Flowering: Summer to autumn. Flowers best after dry periods.

Requirements: Good drainage and full sun. Very hardy. Grow in a container or in the ground.

Calothamnus villosus

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Erect or sprawling shrub. Terete leaves to 4cm covered with silvery hairs. Distribution Western Australia.

Height: 2 m x 2m

Flowering: Spring and summer, red flowers in long one-sided spikes to 10cm.

Requirements: Good drainage and full sun, can be sensitive to heavy frosts.

Camellia japonica

EXOTIC THEACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Slow growing, long lived evergreen shrubs from woodland areas of the Himalaya, China and Japan. Various older cultivars may sometimes be available.

Height: Vary from 1 - 20m

Flowering: Winter. Variety of colours from white to red.

Requirements: Moist well drained acid soil, humus rich and well mulched to protect the shallow root system. Fertilize in mid Spring and early Summer. Plant in a position protected from morning sun at flowering time to prevent sun damage to flowers.

Canna x generalis

EXOTIC CANNACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Robust rhizomatous perennials native to tropical and South America. All garden Cannas are hybrids, sun loving and thrive in hot weather provided roots are watered copiously.

Height: 1.5 - 2 m

Flowering: Summer, flowers in a variety of colours ranging from cream to pink, orange and red.

Requirements: Heavy feeding. Cut to ground after flowering. Thick mulch in winter.

Carissa macrocarpa

NATIVE APOCYNACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Evergreen, dense, spiny shrub with small glossy green leaves, native to coastal southern Africa. Responds well to pruning and makes a good hedge plant or pot specimen.

Height: 3 m x 4 m

Flowering: White sweet scented starlike flowers in spring and summer, followed by plum shaped red berries.

Requirements: Well drained soil. Water moderately in summer, less in winter. Drought and salt tolerant.

Castanospermum australe

NATIVE FABACEAE

TREE
SUN

Evergreen tree with shiny dark green pinnate leaves. Good indoor plant when young.

Height: 12 - 15m in cultivation but to 30m in habitat.

Flowering: Spring, yellow and red pea-flowers followed by large boat-shaped pods containing large seeds.

Requirements: Most soils and aspects suitable.

Ceratostigma willmottianum

EXOTIC PLUMBAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Beautiful little deciduous shrub, valuable for its abundant deep blue flowers for a long period. Deep green leaves turn to bronze/crimson in autumn, before falling.

Height: 1.2 m

Flowering: Summer to autumn. Deep blue flowers.

Requirements: Rich fertile soil in sun, fairly drought tolerant. Cut back to base in winter.

Chamaedorea microspadix

EXOTIC ARACEAE

PALM
SHADE

Wonderful, clumping palm for indoors or garden shade. Quite fast growing forming a dense clump spreading by suckers. Native to Mexico where it grows at moderate elevations, often on limestone.

Height: To 3m**Flowering:** Clusters of bright orange-red fruit at intervals in the warmer months.**Requirements:** Hardy once established but needs plenty of water during dry spells. Protected position.***Chamaedorea woodsoniana***

EXOTIC ARACEAE

PALM
SUN

A handsome palm from Central America has a solitary trunk & large pinnate leaves with 12-25 pinnae on each side.

Height: To 6m or more**Flowering:** Spectacular clusters of orange-red fruit**Requirements:** Adapts well to cultivation in well drained organically rich soil & ample water. Warm areas but will withstand some cold.***Choisya ternata 'Aztec Pearl'***

EXOTIC RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Evergreen, compact shrub with narrow mid- green leaves and showy flowers. Good hedging plant.

Height: To 2.5 m**Flowering:** Clusters of fragrant white flowers, flushed pink in bud, in late spring and again in late summer and autumn.**Requirements:** Humus rich, free draining soil in sun. Drought hardy, do not overwater. Frost tolerant. Trim lightly after flowering.***Chrysocephalum apiculatum (broad leaf)***

NATIVE ASTERACEAE

GROUND COVER
SUN

Suckering perennial groundcover herb with hairy, silvery-grey leaves. Australia wide distribution. This species has wider lanceolate leaves and larger flowers than the common species.

Height: To 1 m across**Flowering:** Profuse bright yellow flowers in spring and summer.**Requirements:** Sunny position in most soils. Excellent ground cover.***Chrysocephalum apiculatum (fine leaf)***

NATIVE ASTERACEAE

GROUND COVER
SUN

Yellow Buttons. Suckering perennial groundcover with narrow pointed green leaves.

Height: To 0.6m**Flowering:** Clusters of small golden flower heads from spring to autumn.**Requirements:** Very adaptable hardy plant that will grow in most soils if drainage is good. Likes sun but will tolerate some shade. Drought tolerant. Frost resistant. Prune back in late winter.***Chrysophyllum imperiale***

EXOTIC SAPOTACEAE

TREE
SUN

Handsome tree with large, lightly pleated leaves. Only known from diminishing forests near Rio de Janeiro where it is now rare. Unknown in cultivation elsewhere. These plants are from seeds of the tree planted in the RBG in 1868 by HRH Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh.

Height: To 10 - 15 m, slow growing**Flowering:** Deciduous. Insignificant small yellow flowers along trunk.**Requirements:** Does well in Sydney. Long lived tree for a large garden. Needs adequate moisture all year. Good indoor plant when young.***Citrus australasica***

NATIVE RUTACEAE

TREE
SUN

Finger Lime. Slow growing small tree with oval shaped small, glossy leaves on thorny stems. From northern NSW and south eastern Queensland.

Height: 4 - 8 m**Flowering:** Small fragrant white flowers in autumn followed by elongated edible fruits about 10cm long, varying in colour from yellow-green to purple. Fleshy pulp is globular, rather like caviar, and also varies in colour.**Requirements:** Tropical to temperate climates in a richly composted, well drained position. Suitable for pots.

Clerodendrum buchananii

EXOTIC VERBENACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Fast growing tropical, tall weak shrub with open habit & large heart shaped leaves with downy undersides.

Height: 3m

Flowering: Most of the year in terminal panicles of scarlet stalks & flowers.

Requirements: Deep moist fertile soil in sun but sheltered from wind.

Clerodendrum ugandense

EXOTIC VERBENACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Uncommon and attractive evergreen shrub from East Africa.

Height: 3m x 1.8m, rangy and open

Flowering: Summer and Autumn, terminal sprays of butterfly-shaped flowers in two shades of clear blue.

Requirements: Deep rich peaty soil, sunny and sheltered from strong winds, generous water in summer. Keep long branches in check by continually cutting back.

Clivia gardenii

EXOTIC AMARYLLIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Hardy, easily grown evergreen South African perennials.

Height: 0.3 - 0.4m

Flowering: Umbels of 10-20 pendent, narrowly funnel shaped, often strongly curved, orange or red flowers 4-6cm long tipped with green produced in Winter.

Requirements: Well drained soil in shade. Withstands dryness.

Clivia miniata (no colour)

EXOTIC AMARYLLIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Hardy, easily grown evergreen South African perennials.

Height: 0.3 - 0.4m

Flowering: Most well known and widely grown of the species flowering early Spring.

Requirements: Well drained soil in shade. Withstands dryness.

Clivia x cyrtanthiflora

EXOTIC AMARYLLIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Clump forming perennial from South Africa. Bright green, strap-like foliage. A hybrid between *Clivia miniata* and *Clivia nobilis*.

Height: To .6m

Flowering: Narrow, pendant, bell-shaped apricot/orange blooms in clusters on strong flower stems, the flowers sometimes lighter in colour on the inside.

Requirements: Prefers shade or part shade. Frost tender. Water well during warmer months and allow to dry off in winter.

Coffea arabica

EXOTIC RUBIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Originating in mountain rainforests of Ethiopia, this is the coffee of commerce. Although it is unlikely to supply your coffee needs it is a very attractive evergreen shrub for frost-free gardens or large containers as a house plant.

Height: 2 - 3m

Flowering: Small, fragrant, white flowers clustered along the branches behind the leaves are followed by dark red berries each containing two 'beans'.

Requirements: Humus rich soil in light shade and mild temperatures.

Cordyline cannifolia

NATIVE AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SHADE

Palm Lily. From North Queensland rain forests, slender canes support crowns of dark green, lance shaped leaves, 20-50cms long.

Height: Very variable, 1-5 m, rarely taller than 3 m.

Flowering: Small pinkish-white flowers, followed by red fruits.

Requirements: Best as a container specimen or in a moist, shady situation in the garden.

Cordyline congesta

NATIVE AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Slender upright palm-like plant with many stems. Linear leaves to 50cm have roughened leaf margins, and are crowded towards the tops of the stems.

Height: To 2 m.

Flowering: Numerous purplish flowers on long stems, and orange-red fruit

Requirements: Full sun to heavy shade. Very adaptable for all but the coldest areas.

Cordyline fruticosa

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Well known species of the Pacific Islands has thin lance-shaped leaves. Excellent house or patio plant.

Height: To 3m or so but to 1.8m as a pot plant

Flowering: Summer. 30cm panicles of small, scented, white to dull mauve flowers followed by red berries.

Requirements: Rich, well-drained soil or potting mix.

Cordyline rubra

NATIVE AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Very ornamental palm-like plant with strap-like leaves, to 50cm long, forming tufts at the ends.

Height: To 4m

Flowering: Lilac flowers in late spring followed by trusses of red berries

Requirements: Hardy plant that grows best in moist, well-drained soil in semi shade. Water regularly in dry conditions.

Cordyline stricta

NATIVE AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Slender, upright, clump-forming, palm like plant with many stems. Strap-like dark green leaves to 50cm are crowded towards the tops of the stems.

Height: 2 - 3m

Flowering: Bears delicate sprays of small mauve flowers on long stems in summer, followed by blackish berries.

Requirements: Filtered to full shade in moist but well drained soil. Very adaptable for all but the coldest areas. Good for growing in narrow spaces and in containers.

Correa pulchella

NATIVE RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

A small bushy shrub, the specific name means 'beautiful' referring to the flowers. Leaves dark-green on upper surface but paler green underneath.

Height: To 0.6m

Flowering: Pink-orange bell shaped flowers about 3cm long, May to August.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, flowers best in full sun but is tolerant of some shade.

Correa reflexa

NATIVE RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Small bushy shrub, ovate leaves often have conspicuous oil glands and covered with short hairs. Natural habitat is in heath and open forest.

Height: 1 m x 1m

Flowering: Flowers are bell shaped to 40mm, red with yellow-cream tips. Winter to early spring. Attracts honey eating birds.

Requirements: A well drained position in semi shade is the favoured position.

Costus barbatus

EXOTIC ZINGIBERACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Spiral Ginger. Clump forming rhizomatous perennial. Large leaves are arranged spirally on long stems.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Large, long-lasting red inflorescences with bright yellow tubular flowers.

Requirements: Warm sheltered position in humus rich soil. Will grow in sun or shade but best in medium sun. Cut back in winter. Water and fertilise well during growth period. Likes humidity. Not frost tolerant.

Crassula ovata

EXOTIC CRASSULACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

Well-branched, compact, rounded, evergreen shrub from South Africa with stout stem and glossy, dark grey-green, oval leaves, often with a red margin. Makes an excellent container plant for hot spots.

Height: 1 m – 3m**Flowering:** Rounded bunches of starry, scented, white/pale pink flowers in autumn/winter.**Requirements:** Full sun, though will tolerate some shade. Water in warmer months only when soil dries out. In winter, water only if powder dry. Frost tender.***Crinum moorei***

EXOTIC AMARYLLIDACEAE

BULB
SHADE

Beautiful delicate looking S. African plant with large flowers resembling those of some liliiums. Very broad leaves begin to die back as flowers open eventually leaving a clump of large, very long necked bulbs protruding above the ground.

Height: Flower stems up to 1 m tall**Flowering:** Late Summer to Autumn, white to pale pink 10-12cm wide graceful, nodding flowers in umbels atop the stems.**Requirements:** Friable well drained soil in light to quite deep shade. Protect from snails and slugs.***Crinum pedunculatum***

NATIVE AMARYLLIDACEAE

BULB
SUN

Large bulbous evergreen plant found throughout coastal Q'land. and NSW as far south as Newcastle; often in colonies along streams and tidal areas. A good species for coastal areas.

Height: 1 - 3m**Flowering:** Summer, 10cm wide white flowers with slender segments in dense clusters of 10-25, pleasantly perfumed. Container plants usually flower well.**Requirements:** Very hardy and grows in a variety of soils including clay and successfully under established eucalypts. Will grow in full sun, tolerate bad drainage and not affected by frost.***Crithmum maritimum***

EXOTIC APIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Samphire, Sea Fennel. Perennial seaside plant found on rocky shores in Europe and the UK, growing in fissures of beach rocks. Fleshy leaves, 2-5cm long, form a rosette and are edible.

Height: To 0.60 m**Flowering:** Umbels of yellow or greenish white flowers on stalks to 30cm in summer.**Requirements:** Rocky, well drained soil in an open position. Frost resistant but not drought hardy. Good for seaside gardens.***Crowea exalata (pink)***

NATIVE RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Rounded shrub from NSW, ACT and Victoria.

Height: To 0.70m**Flowering:** Star-like flowers, white to deep pink, 2cm in diameter in summer to autumn.**Requirements:** Hardy, very decorative plant for well drained, mulched soil.***Crowea exalata (white)***

NATIVE RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Very ornamental dwarf to small shrub with an extended flowering period. Frost tolerant and an ideal plant for garden or container. Long lasting cut flower.

Height: 0.2 m - 2m x 0.5m - 1.5 m**Flowering:** October to June, profuse white 2cm diameter flowers in leaf axils.**Requirements:** Most relatively well drained soils in dappled shade. Pruning will help promote dense growth.***Crowea saligna***

NATIVE RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Outstanding shrub for a shaded situation. Distribution NSW. Good cut flower.

Height: To 1 m**Flowering:** Deep pink, star like flowers to 35mm diameter appear in autumn and winter.**Requirements:** Needs well drained, well mulched soil. Frost hardy.

Ctenanthe lubbersiana

EXOTIC MARANTACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Evergreen Brazilian perennial with widely branched stems and linear-oblong leaves 30cm long, deep green with irregular yellow streaks above and pale green underneath.

Height: 1 m x 1m**Flowering:** Spikes of white flowers borne intermittently throughout the year.**Requirements:** Moist, fertile, humus-rich soil in part shade. Frost tender.***Cupaniopsis anacardioides***

NATIVE SAPINDACEAE

TREE
SUN

Small, evergreen tree with glossy, rich green leaves found in coastal scrub of the east coast between Townsville and Port Hacking. An excellent shade or shelter tree and can be trained as a street tree.

Height: 8 - 13m**Flowering:** Insignificant, fragrant, greenish-white flowers in spring followed by clusters of attractive orange fruits.**Requirements:** Very hardy. Most soils and aspects are suitable. Salt tolerant. Frost tender. Responds to regular watering and fertilising.***Cymbopogon ambiguus***

NATIVE POACEAE

GRASS
SUN

Native Lemongrass. Fast growing, clump forming, scented, tufted grass with grey-green leaves that redden with age.

Height: To 80 cm**Flowering:** Fluffy, silvery flower heads.**Requirements:** Full sun. Drought and frost hardy. Adaptable to different soil types. Cut back to regenerate new foliage in spring. Good as a groundcover, in rockeries, mixed plantings or mass planted in swathes in the landscape.***Cymbopogon bombycinus***

NATIVE POACEAE

GRASS
SUN

Silky Oilgrass. Citronella Grass. From WA, NT and Queensland, a tufted, perennial grass forming erect, rigid tussocks. Stem bases are very fragrant.

Height: 0.3-1 m.**Flowering:** Spikelets are concealed by long, silky hairs.**Requirements:** Usually found along stream banks and alluvial flats, in sandy or stony soils. Hardy in cultivation. Full sun. Drought tolerant.***Cymbopogon citratus***

TBA POACEAE

GRASS
SUN

Lemon Grass. Valuable grass forming dense clump of long rough textured leaves with strong lemon fragrance. Fleshy bases of shoots used in Asian cooking and the leaves fresh or dried for herbal tea.

Height: 1 - 1.5m**Flowering:** N/A**Requirements:** Full sun, warmth and light textured fertile soil. plenty of water in the growing season but very little in Winter.***Dahlia imperialis***

EXOTIC ASTERACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Tall woody perennial native to Central America has thick bamboo-like stems, large bi-pinnate leaves and large eye-catching flower heads.

Height: To 5m**Flowering:** Autumn, large single white flowers with yellow centres.**Requirements:** Sunny position sheltered from strong winds in well fertilized, well drained soil. Keep well watered.***Dampiera diversifolia***

NATIVE GOODENIACEAE

GROUND COVER
SEMI SHADE

Prostrate herb, suckering vigorously. An excellent compact ground cover. Distribution WA.

Height: Prostrate x 1 m**Flowering:** Bears masses of dark blue flowers for many months in spring and summer.**Requirements:** Needs a well drained sunny position with ample water. Frost tolerant. General fertilizer in Spring and Autumn.

Darwinia citriodora

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Low spreading shrub, lemon scented, almost triangular leaves with red tints in autumn and winter.

Height: 0.6m x 1 m

Flowering: Spring and summer, reddish bell shaped flowers.

Requirements: Hardest of the Western Australian species. Needs some shade for best results but will stand full sun. Good drainage essential.

Dendrobium species

We have on sale a range of orchids that varies from time to time, propagated by the Friends from tissue culture. Species include *Dendrobium speciosum*, *Dendrobium kingianum*, and *Dendrobium teretifolium*. There are also some interesting new crosses being developed.

Derwentia arenaria

NATIVE SCROPHULARIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Softly woody shrub with several erect, sparingly branched stems from a small, woody rootstock.

Height: Stems 0.3m to 1 m

Flowering: Bright violet-blue flowers are borne on 30cm sprays from spring to early autumn.

Requirements: Most soils are suitable. Full sun to half shade. Cut back after flowering. Drought tolerant and frost resistant.

Derwentia perfoliata

NATIVE SCROPHULARIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Erect or decumbent woody herb or shrub, leaves ovate, glabrous and stem clasping. Distribution from central NSW to central western Victoria.

Height: 0.2 – 0.6m x 0.2 – 0.4m

Flowering: Bluish flower spikes spring and summer.

Requirements: Most soil types and aspects, frost hardy.

Dianella caerulea

NATIVE LILIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Blue Flax Lily. Tufted, clumping perennial with strap-like leaves and fibrous roots. Well suited to cultivation.

Height: 0.8m

Flowering: Spring/Summer, panicles of pale blue flowers followed by brilliant purplish-blue succulent berries.

Requirements: Hardy and long lived once established, requiring little attention. Full sun to part shade and well drained soil.

Dianella 'Silver Streak'

EXOTIC LILIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Broad strap like plant that forms a spreading clump of green and white striped leaves. Suitable for mass planting in garden beds and borders.

Height: 0.6 m

Flowering: Spikes of small, star-shaped, creamy-mauve flowers in spring and summer.

Requirements: Most soils in full sun or part shade. Drought, frost and wind tolerant. Occasional slow release fertiliser.

Dichorisandra thyrsiflora

EXOTIC COMMELINACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Commonly called 'Blue Ginger' but it is not a ginger. A beautiful plant in flower.

Height: To 2.4m x 1 m

Flowering: Autumn. Dense terminal cluster of deep purple blue flowers.

Requirements: Not frost tolerant. Grows well in warm temperate climates in shady moist spots of high summer humidity.

Dicliptera suberecta

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

From Uruguay, this is a soft wooded sprawling sub-shrub. Stems and leaves are covered with velvety grey felt which gives a dramatic setting to the tubular flowers.

Height: 0.6m sprawling

Flowering: Summer/Autumn, bright orange-red tubular flowers.

Requirements: Warm sunny position open well drained soil, makes a good pot plant and useful plant for rockeries.

Doryanthes excelsa

NATIVE AGAVACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Showy plant well known in sandstone areas around Sydney, very amenable to cultivation. Slow growing.

Height: 1 - 1.5m

Flowering: Spring/Summer. Dark red flowers in a large terminal 30cm wide globular head on 2.5m tall scape.

Requirements: Well drained soil with some organic material incorporated. Adaptable to partial or full sun. Usually responds well to light applications of suitable fertilizer.

Doryanthes palmeri

NATIVE AGAVACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

From S. Queensland, this resembles *Doryanthes excelsa* (Gynea Lily) but its leaves are slightly ribbed and the giant truss of flowers is much longer, not globular and somewhat one-sided with the supporting flower stem leaning outwards. It is spectacular in flower.

Height: 2 - 3m

Flowering: Spring. Very waxy flowers, scarlet outside and whitish inside.

Requirements: Warmth. Well drained soil with some organic material, and responds to light applications of fertilizer. Partial to full sun or dappled shade.

Dracaena deremensis

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SHADE

Upright shrub with rosettes of arching, broad evergreen leaves forming graceful tropical clump.

Height: 2 m x 0.8 m

Flowering: Yellow flowers followed by inconspicuous red fleshy seeds.

Requirements: Good indoor, low maintenance plant. Grows outdoors in shade preferring slightly alkaline soil. Moderately drought tolerant.

Dracaena draco

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

TREE
SUN

Dragon's Blood Tree. Robust, slow growing, eventually wide-branched, striking looking tree from the Canary Islands. Smooth grey trunk and regularly arranged swollen branches. Rosetted, glaucous mid to dark green leaves fan out from the top of each branching. Hardy and

Height: 3 - 10m

Flowering: Mature plants produce terminal panicles of white tinged green flowers in summer, followed by large spherical orange-red fruit.

Requirements: Full sun in moderately fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Makes a good pot plant.

Dracaena hookeriana

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SHADE

Native of South Africa. Erect shrub, only occasionally branched, its foliage clustered towards the tops of the stems. Leaves are glossy and up to 1m long with translucent margins.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Tiny white flowers followed by orange red berries. Leaves up to 75cm long with white translucent margins.

Requirements: Well-drained fertile soil in semi-shade. Not frost tolerant. A good potted plant for indoors or outdoors.

Dracaena marginata

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Slow-growing palm-like shrub from Madagascar. Narrow sword-like glossy green leaves, on erect greyish canes, have red margins.

Height: 3 - 4m

Flowering: Flowers are rarely produced.

Requirements: Good in a pot or in the garden. Will grow in filtered light or full sun but best in part sun. Tolerates a wide range of conditions except frost. Average well-drained soil. Will grow indoors.

Drimiopsis maculata

EXOTIC HYACINTHACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

African Hosta. Small, herbaceous perennial with dark green arrow-shaped leaves with dark purple spots growing from a bulb-like root stock. Grown for its foliage effect.

Height: 0.1 - 0.15 m

Flowering: Stalks of small greenish-white flowers to .3m in late spring.

Requirements: Does well in most soils with reasonable drainage. Best grown in dry shade, but will tolerate a few hours of early morning sun. Good as groundcover or in pots.

Drosera capensis

EXOTIC DROSERACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Cape Sundew. From South Africa, an evergreen, insectivorous perennial. Rosettes of narrow leaves have sensitive red hairs. Sticky droplets of honeydew on the end of the hairs attract and trap its insect prey.

Height: 0.15m x 0.15m**Flowering:** Small purple flowers on leafless stems in summer.**Requirements:** Frost tender. Grow in a mix of one part sand to one part peat or sphagnum moss in full sun or light shade. Place pot in a saucer of fresh water in summer. In winter, keep just moist.***Echium callithyrsum***

EXOTIC BORAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Naturally rare in the wild, growing only in a restricted area on particular cliff sides on one island in the Canary Islands.

Height: 2 - 3m, possibly taller**Flowering:** Open spikes of light blue flowers.**Requirements:** Freely draining sandy soil in full sun.***Echium thyrsoflorum***

EXOTIC BORAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Soft wooded shrub with grey-green fuzzy leaves clustered in rosettes at branch ends.

Height: 1.8m**Flowering:** Spring and Summer. Tall straight spikes of pale lavender flowers to 60cm long.**Requirements:** Full sun and light well drained soil not too rich, otherwise plant becomes sappy and unwieldy. Warm climate. Prune lightly after flowering to keep compact. Coastal planting is ideal.***Edmondia pinifolia***

EXOTIC ASTERACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Sprawling evergreen South African sub-shrub spectacular in flower.

Height: 0.3m x 0.3m**Flowering:** Spring. Papery daisy-shaped flowers with eye-catching crimson bracts held in flower heads at ends of the branchlets.**Requirements:** Very well drained soil in full sun.***Ensete ventricosum***

EXOTIC MUSACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Native to central East Africa, this large leafy perennial is a dramatic ornamental plant for the garden. The huge leaves up to 3.5m long have a bright red mid-rib. The single trunk-like false stem arises from a non-branching underground stem and dies after flowering. Self seeds.

Height: To 9m**Flowering:** Late Spring. The flower stem grows through the middle of the crown producing a 3m long pendulous spike of flowers surrounded by deep red bracts. The fruit is not edible.**Requirements:** Frost tender. Needs full sun in rich moist well drained soil sheltered from strong winds.***Epidendrum ibaguense***

EXOTIC ORCHIDACEAE

ORCHID
SUN

Crucifix Orchid. Evergreen, epiphytic orchid from Venezuela and Colombia that is easy to grow and maintain. Oval leaves are borne on long, reed-like stems with aerial roots.

Height: To 1 m**Flowering:** Flowers more or less constantly with clusters of up to 20 small flowers open on a stem at the one time.

Flowers can be orange, red, purple, salmon or yellow.

Requirements: Likes a frost free climate and flowers best in sun. Can be grown in containers in free draining mix, among rocks or in soil. Remove old flower spikes.***Eranthemum pulchellum***

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Fast growing beautiful shrub from India.

Height: 1 - 2 m**Flowering:** Late Winter/early Spring. Dense terminal spikes of violet blue flowers.**Requirements:** Sheltered, part shaded position in good soil and ample water during growth. Cut back fairly hard after flowering to keep compact. Frost tender.

Eremophila glabra (compact) SHRUB
NATIVE MYOPORACEAE SUN

Common Emu Bush. Attractive plant with silvery foliage

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Bright red, tubular flowers from late winter to summer.

Requirements: Open, sunny position with good drainage. Once established, will tolerate long, dry periods. Moderately frost tolerant.

Eremophila maculata SHRUB
NATIVE MYOPORACEAE SUN

Spotted Emu Bush. Dwarf to medium dense shrub with rigid branches and green to grey-green leaves. Bird attracting.

Height: Variable height to 2 m.

Flowering: Spotted, tubular flowers in late winter/spring. Flowers may be yellow, pink, mauve or red.

Requirements: Well drained soil, full sun. Drought tolerant once established. Frost tolerant. Responds well to pruning. Though best suited to a dry climate, can be grown in more humid areas.

Eucalyptus macrocarpa TREE
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Mottlecah. Sprawling mallee from Geraldton in WA with sparse powdery grey branches and large, leathery, silvery-grey leaves.

Height: To 5 m

Flowering: Beautiful large red flowers to 10cm in late winter and spring, followed by attractive woody grey fruits.

Requirements: It needs full sun, well-drained slightly acidic soil, low humidity and frost free climate.

Eucomis comosa BULB
EXOTIC HYACINTHACEAE SUN

South African bulbous perennial with semi-erect lance-shaped 70cm long bright green leaves with heavy purple spotting beneath. Good pot-plant.

Height: 0.75m

Flowering: Summer. Purple striped stems bear 30cm long tight racemes of white star-shaped flowers with conspicuous purple tepal margins and ovaries. Raceme is topped with small tuft of leafy bracts.

Requirements: Fertile well drained soil in full sun. Water freely in active growth, sparingly in Winter. Loam based potting compost with added sharp sand.

Euphorbia hypericifolia 'Diamond Frost' PERENNIAL
EXOTIC EUPHORBIACEAE SUN

Fast-growing, mounding bush with apple green foliage, ideal for containers, baskets or in the garden.

Height: To 1 m x 1 m

Flowering: Delicate and airy tiny white bracts resembling butterflies, for most of the year.

Requirements: Well drained soil in full sun or part shade. Heat and drought tolerant. Not necessary to deadhead. Prune if needed by shearing back in the warmer months.

Eupomatia laurina TREE
NATIVE EUPOMATIACEAE SUN

Evergreen tree with erect sturdy stem and shrubby crown. Leaves deep copper coloured when young, then glossy green and 12.5cm long.

Height: 6m x 3m.

Flowering: Flowers yellowish, with stamens resembling petals in spring and summer, followed by berries resembling rose hips.

Requirements: Rich, moist soils in a protected sunny position. Drought and frost tender.

Fatsia japonica SHRUB
EXOTIC ARALIACEAE SHADE

Evergreen, rounded, dense shrub with large, deeply lobed, glossy, dark green leaves. Ideal for shaded gardens or indoors.

Height: To 3m x 3m

Flowering: Dense clusters of tiny white flowers in mid-autumn followed by rounded, black fruits.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in shade or partial shade. Frost hardy to -2C. Can be cut back hard to shape.

Ficinia nodosa* syn. *Isolepis nodosa

NATIVE

CYPERACEAE

PERENNIAL

SUN

Knobby Club Rush. Densely tufted perennial rush with creeping rhizomes, found in all states except NT. Widespread on coastal sand, beside sea and lakes.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Abundant globular brown flower heads in summer.

Requirements: Prefers moist soils but will tolerate drought once well established. Helps to bind sandy soils. Good around ponds. Provides a frog habitat. Full sun to part shade.

Ficus macrophylla

NATIVE

MORACEAE

TREE

SUN

This well known Australian evergreen tree is an excellent specimen for Bonsai. Stem erect and thick, with smooth grey bark and widely spreading crown. Leaves glossy dark green, up to 25cm long. Propagation by tip cuttings in autumn.

Height: 30m x 6m.

Flowering: Globular or pear shaped fruit in summer.

Requirements: Light to medium soils in open sunny position. Drought resistant but frost tender.

Ficus pantoniana

NATIVE

MORACEAE

CLIMBER

SHADE

Climbing Fig. From the lowland forests of Cape York Peninsula and New Guinea. A woody climber that climbs using small roots arising from the stem. It is not a strangler fig.

Height: 3 - 6 m

Flowering: Has small clumps of round, creamy-yellow fruit.

Requirements: Does best in semi-shade. Likes moisture. Bird attracting.

Ficus tikoua

EXOTIC

MORACEAE

GROUND COVER

SUN

Waipahu Fig, Fig Ivy, Sandy-Leaf Fig. From China, a woody, prostrate vine with medium green, oval shaped leaves, 8-12 cms long with a sandpaper texture.

Height: 0.30 - 0.40 m

Flowering: Small, red-black, juicy, sweet 'figlets' in late summer.

Requirements: Sun or part shade. Self layering, it carpets an area fairly rapidly.

***Fuchsia triphylla* 'Gartenmeister Bonstedt'**

EXOTIC

ONAGRACEAE

SHRUB

SEMI SHADE

Vigorous free flowering fuchsia hybrid of *Fuchsia triphylla* is an upright, spreading shrub with red-tinged bronze leaves and slender long-tubed flowers. Excellent in pots or in the garden.

Height: 0.6 - 0.75m x 0.45 - 0.6m

Flowering: Spring/Summer. Bright red flowers.

Requirements: Moist, fertile well drained soil in part shade and protection from hot winds and afternoon sun. Pinching back at an early age and pruning after flowering ensures good shape and flower yield. Frost tender.

Gahnia sieberiana

NATIVE

CYPERACEAE

PERENNIAL

SUN

Red-fruited Saw-sedge. Sword Grass. Vigorous, large, tussock-forming perennial with long, arching, very sharp-edged leaves, found in all states except NT, usually in damp sandy ground. Host plant for the Sword Grass Brown Butterfly.

Height: To 2.5m x 1.5m.

Flowering: Black, plume-like flowers at end of stems to 3m in summer, followed by shiny, red-brown seeds.

Requirements: Hardy in most soils though grows best if given plenty of water. Full sun to part shade

Gardenia cornuta

EXOTIC

RUBIACEAE

TREE

SUN

Beautiful small tree grown in warm areas for its deliciously fragrant flowers.

Height: To 5m

Flowering: White to yellow fragrant tubular flowers.

Requirements: Well mulched, fertile soil and ample Summer watering.

Gardenia thunbergia

EXOTIC RUBIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

From the humid forests of southern Africa, this is an erect shrub with stiff erect branches.

Height: To 3m

Flowering: Early Summer. Large single white fragrant flowers held towards the branch tips.

Requirements: Surface rooted so appreciates regular feeding and mulching and ample water with an annual mulch of compost.

Gastrolobium celsianum syn lanceolatum

NATIVE FABACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Spreading shrub with dark green leaves, silvery green on the underside. Distribution WA.

Height: 1.5m x 3m

Flowering: Red pea flowers in spring.

Requirements: Sunny position in a very well drained soil.

Ginkgo biloba

EXOTIC GINKGOACEAE

TREE
SEMI SHADE

The Maidenhair tree. Upright, deciduous, ancient tree from China, with bright green, fan shaped leaves that turn golden in autumn.

Height: To 24 m

Flowering: Inconspicuous. Dull yellow, smelly fruits produced on female trees if male trees are grown nearby.

Requirements: Prefers deep fertile soil, moderate water, protection from strong winds. Resists pollution.

Goodenia ovata (prostrate)

NATIVE GOODENIACEAE

GROUND COVER
SEMI SHADE

This fast growing prostrate form of species is useful as a ground cover for understory and spilling over rockeries.

Height: Prostrate

Flowering: Bears yellow flowers in spring and summer.

Requirements: Fast growing, very hardy, grows in most soils. Drought and lime tolerant, suitable to semi or full shade. Prune to shape. Frost hardy to -7C.

Graptopetalum paraguayense

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

Perennial succulent native to Mexico has dense rosettes of thick, blunt tipped leaves borne on fleshy stems which are at first erect then bending down with age. Leaves grey with reddish cast and silvery blue 'bloom'.

Height: 0.2 m

Flowering: Spring. Showy sprays of long lasting white star-shaped flowers rise well above the rosettes.

Requirements: Very well drained soil in full sun. Ideal for desert and rock gardens.

Grevillea aquifolium (prostrate form)

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Prostrate, scrambling plant with dull green holly-like leaves to 8cm. Distribution western areas of Victoria.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Toothbrush type flower spikes of green flowers with red styles occurring in late winter.

Requirements: Very hardy, grows well in most locations. Will tolerate considerable shade.

Grevillea aquifolium (tall form)

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

This form is a large, erect and open shrub with similar leaves to the prostrate form, just a bit more elongated.

Height: 2.5m x 3m

Flowering: Toothbrush type flower spikes of bright red flowers in late winter.

Requirements: Very hardy, grows well in most locations, will tolerate considerable shade.

Grevillea biternata

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Sweetly vanilla perfumed flowers make this plant an attractive addition for the Grevillea lover. From WA sand plains.

Height: 2 m x 3m

Flowering: Vanilla perfumed white flowers in winter and spring.

Requirements: Full sun or partial shade, suitable for heavy clay or sandy soils. Frost resistant.

Grevillea humilis ssp. maritima SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Low, weakly erect to mounded shrub from north coastal NSW, with short stiff branches and dense foliage.

Height: To about 0.7 m.

Flowering: Usually white, occasionally pink, March to September.

Requirements: Very well-drained soil.

Grevillea juniperina ssp. allojohnsonii SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

From Northern Tablelands and NW slopes of NSW. Prostrate, tangly shrub has prickly dark green leaves with pale veins.

Height: 0.3 m but occasionally to 1.5 m

Flowering: September to February, spider-like scarlet flowers with a green tip at the end of the style.

Requirements: Well drained soil in a sunny position.

Grevillea juniperina ssp. molongolo SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Rapid growing, low, spreading shrub with fine needle-like foliage.

Height: 1 m x 2 m

Flowering: Apricot spider-like flowers in winter/spring.

Requirements: Well drained soil in a sunny location. Frost and drought tolerant. Good for rockeries and banks.

Grevillea manglesii ssp. ornithopoda SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SEMI SHADE

Commonly known as Birds Foot Grevillea, distinctive shrub with glaucous blue-green leaves. Very useful as a screening plant because of its compact drooping form.

Height: 3 - 5m

Flowering: White, Spring – Autumn.

Requirements: Best in semi-shade, well drained gravely or sandy loams. Needs pruning after flowering.

Grevillea montis-cole ssp. brevistyla SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Cascading ground cover with attractive, prickly foliage. Distribution: Mt. Langi Ghiran, western Victoria.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Winter and Spring. Dark red spider type flowers.

Requirements: Grows in heavy clay or sandy soil. Frost resistant.

Grevillea oxyantha SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

This compact shrub from the Brindabella Ranges west of Canberra has almost round grey-green leaves.

Height: 2 m x 2.5m

Flowering: Orange-red flowers, in bud or flower for long periods.

Requirements: Hardy plant in sunny, well-drained position.

Grevillea rhyolitica SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SEMI SHADE

Rare plant with restricted distribution in open eucalypt forests south of Moruya in N.S.W.

Height: 1.5m

Flowering: September to December. Red pendulous 'spider' type flowers.

Requirements: Prefers semi-shaded position but tolerates full sun when watered regularly. Any well drained soil and low phosphorus fertilizer as with all Proteaceae.

Grevillea sericea ssp. sericea SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Appealing floriferous shrub with delicate showy pink or white flowers that are prolific in peak season. Excellent feature plant.

Height: 0.5 - 1.5m.

Flowering: Winter - spring, pink or white spider type flowers.

Requirements: Sunny or part shade position, well drained sandy loam.

Grevillea speciosa SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Endemic to Sydney area, found on the sandstone plateaus of Ku-ring-gai and Brisbane Waters National Parks.

Height: 1.5m x 2 m

Flowering: Clusters of bright red flowers on the end of the branches. Spring.

Requirements: When good drainage is provided it tolerates clay or sand and endures frosts and droughts. Very showy grevillea for the garden bed or in a pot.

Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty' SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SEMI SHADE

A gorgeous sprawling shrub with arching branches and ovate leaves.

Height: 0.5m x 1.5 – 3m

Flowering: Conspicuous reddish-pink flowers in winter.

Requirements: Well drained soils, sun to part shade. Prune for bushy growth.

Hakea laurina SHRUB
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

One of the best known and popular in cultivation. Very attractive tall shrub whose shape can be variable. Indigenous to W.A. sand plains.

Height: To 6m or so

Flowering: Autumn and Winter. Dense, globular flowers in leaf axils, cream at first and change to light red.

Requirements: Very hardy and adaptable plant, growing in most soils and aspects and even accepting the high humidity of the east coast summers.

Harpullia pendula TREE
NATIVE SAPINDACEAE SUN

Tulipwood. Hardy, medium-sized, fast-growing rainforest tree, occurring from Cairns to northern NSW. Suitable for parks or large gardens.

Height: 7 - 10m x 2 - 3m

Flowering: Pendulous sprays of yellowish flowers in summer, followed by showy orange-red fruits in winter.

Requirements: Suited to most soils in areas of reasonable rainfall.

Hedychium coccineum var. carneum PERENNIAL
EXOTIC ZINGIBERACEAE SEMI SHADE

This rhizomatous clump forming species from the Himalayas has lance-shaped mid-green leaves and spectacular erect flower spikes.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Summer. Has unusual pinkish-apricot flowers.

Requirements: Humus rich moist but well drained soil in partial shade protected from cold winds.

Hedychium greenii PERENNIAL
EXOTIC ZINGIBERACEAE SEMI SHADE

Spectacular rhizomatous clump forming perennial with oblong sharp pointed mid green leaves, 25cm long 5cm wide.

Height: 1.8m x 0.6m

Flowering: Summer. Butterfly-like, bright red, in terminal cylindrical racemes.

Requirements: Humus rich moist but well drained soil in sun or part shade. Sheltered from cold winds. Most effective under-planted in groups near still water.

Helichrysum petiolare SHRUB
EXOTIC ASTERACEAE SUN

Mound forming, South African trailing evergreen shrub with branching stems and ovate to heart-shaped leaves, densely grey-woolly. Excellent in hanging basket or container.

Height: 0.5m x 2 m

Flowering: Insignificant. Grown for its leaf colour and ground covering properties.

Requirements: Well drained poor to moderately fertile soil in full sun.

Helichrysum petiolare 'Limelight' SHRUB
EXOTIC ASTERACEAE SEMI SHADE

Winter flowering South African shrub which forms a mounding ground cover. This plant has bright lime green leaves. Long soft stem and rounded leaves to more than 3cm long. Leaves and stems covered in pale grey down.

Height: 0.3m x 1.5m

Flowering: Small dull white flowerheads loosely clustered.

Requirements: Well drained poor to moderately fertile soil in part shade to maintain leaf colour.

***Heliotropium arborescens* 'Aureum'**

EXOTIC BORAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Spreading evergreen shrub from South America. Foliage is a light golden-green. Good for use in borders and pots.

Height: 0.9m x 0.5m

Flowering: Abundant sweetly perfumed pale lilac flowers, early spring to late summer.

Requirements: Fertile free draining soils, summer moisture and shelter from cold. Prune moderately after flowering to encourage new shoots.

***Heliotropium arborescens* 'Lord Roberts'**

EXOTIC BORAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Bushy, compact shrub; may be short-lived.

Height: To 1.2 m

Flowering: Summer. Dense, light violet-blue flower-heads.

Requirements: Fertile, moist but well drained soil in full sun.

***Heliotropium arborescens* 'Plum Pie'**

EXOTIC BORAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Spreading shrub-like growth.

Height: 0.4 - 0.6m

Flowering: Deep pink/crimson flowers spring through late summer.

Requirements: Well drained soil, shelter from strong wind.

***Heliotropium arborescens* 'White Lady'**

EXOTIC BORAGINACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

White Lady. Long flowering small shrub with fragrant clusters of white flowers, sometimes tinged with purple.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Fragrant clusters of white flowers, sometimes tinged with purple. Almost continuously.

Requirements: Well-drained fertile soil. Moderate water. Frost tender. Tip prune young plants to promote bushiness. Older plants can be cut back in early spring.

Hernandia bivalvis

NATIVE HERNANDIACEAE

TREE
SUN/SEMI SHADE

Grease Nut. From south eastern Queensland, this handsome tree has large broadly ovate leaves, providing a shady canopy. The nutritious oil rich kernel was roasted and eaten by the aborigines.

Height: 6 - 12 m

Flowering: Panicles of tiny cream blooms appear in spring in groups of three - one female and two male. After pollination the male flowers develop into large bracts enclosing the black, grease filled fruit.

Requirements: Prefers a sunny or semi-shaded position in friable soil with plenty of mulch and ample. Needs regular fertilising while growing.

Hibbertia dentata

NATIVE DILLENIACEAE

CLIMBER
SEMI SHADE

Twining plant, stems up to 2m long. Large ovate leaves, bronze on top, green underneath, margins toothed. Widespread in the Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands, extending from Qld. to Victoria.

Height: Stems up to 2 m long

Flowering: Large yellow flowers with five petals and many stamens are borne from August to November.

Requirements: Hardy in well drained soil, some shade and ample moisture. Looks best climbing and trailing among other shrubs. Tip pruning promotes bushy growth. Mulch is beneficial.

***Hibbertia diffusa* (prostrate)**

NATIVE DILLENIACEAE

GROUND COVER
SUN/SEMI SHADE

Wedge Guinea Flower. Sprawling or prostrate dwarf shrub from sheltered sites along eastern coast.

Height: 0.3 - 1 m

Flowering: Spring to autumn, 2cm wide, bright yellow flowers on short stalks.

Requirements: Good drainage, abundant moisture and sheltered position. Will grow in almost full shade and does not like to dry out so can be planted with ferns. Good drainage, abundant moisture and sheltered position. Will grow in almost full shade and does not like to dry out so can be planted

Hibbertia vestita GROUND COVER
NATIVE DILLENIACEAE SUN

Dwarf shrub, sprawling or prostrate, prominent in coastal heaths of south-east Queensland and northern to central NSW.

Height: 0.1 - 0.5m x 0.5 - 1 m

Flowering: Winter/Spring, profuse pale to bright yellow flowers well displayed on top of the plant. Very showy.

Requirements: Good drainage in sunny position but tolerates some shade. Withstands heavy pruning and flowers impressively the season after such treatment. Excellent for rockeries or containers.

Hibiscus coccineus SHRUB
EXOTIC MALVACEAE SUN

Deciduous herb-type hibiscus from the swamps of Georgia and Florida, U.S.A., has tall open growth and distinctive elegant flowers.

Height: 1.5m

Flowering: Summer. Large, elegant 20cm wide red flowers with widely separated petals.

Requirements: Warm sunny position in damp, fertile soil. Dies down completely in Winter, re-growing in Spring.

Hibiscus insularis SHRUB
NATIVE MALVACEAE SUN

Attractive, tall open shrub from Phillip Is. in the Norfolk Is. group. One of the rarest plants in the world.

Height: To 4m but can be kept lower with clipping.

Flowering: Summer. Pale yellow 10cm flowers fading to mauve.

Requirements: Fertile well drained soil in full sun.

***Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* 'Apple Blossom'** SHRUB
EXOTIC MALVACEAE SUN

Tall growing cultivar, eye-catching in flower.

Height: To 7 m

Flowering: Summer to Autumn profuse pale pink flowers.

Requirements: Easy to grow in sunny well-drained soil. Water regularly and feed during flowering periods. Trim after flowering to maintain shape.

Hibiscus schizopetalus SHRUB
EXOTIC MALVACEAE SUN

Evergreen shrub from eastern tropical Africa but now extinct in the wild, with charming, slender drooping habit. Rounded, toothed deep green leaves.

Height: 3.5m

Flowering: Beautiful and unusual long stemmed pendulous scarlet flowers-petals recurved and much cut. Staminal column hangs as though on a silken thread

Requirements: Sun and well drained soil, feed during flowering period.

Hippeastrum papilio BULB
EXOTIC AMARYLLIDACEAE SUN

Butterfly Amaryllis. Virtually evergreen bulb from the Brazilian rainforest with strap-shaped leaves. Good pot specimen.

Height: 0.45 - 0.60m

Flowering: Spring. Funnel-shaped creamy white to light green flowers heavily striped with dark brownish red, 2 to 3 flowers per stem.

Requirements: Plant with one third of the bulb above the ground. Full sun to light shade. Allow to dry out when dormant in winter. Hardy.

Hoya australis* ssp. *australis CLIMBER
NATIVE ASCLEPIADACEAE SEMI SHADE

One of seven species of twining climber occurring in tropical and sub-tropical areas of Australia. Leaves are succulent, glossy and almost round in shape, to 9 cm. The stems contain a milky sap which is poisonous.

Height: N/A

Flowering: Spring-summer, almost globular clusters of up to forty white or pale pink very fragrant waxy flowers forming almost globular clusters 7cm in diameter.

Requirements: Well composted soil, good drainage, accepts considerable exposure to sun. Suitable for outdoor culture in mild climates. Good indoor plant, adapts to growing in containers or hanging baskets. Needs protection from frost and blazing sun.

Hoya bella

EXOTIC ASCLEPIADACEAE

TRAILER
SEMI SHADE

Evergreen vine with small dark green waxy leaves.

Height: 1 m**Flowering:** Crimson/white flowers**Requirements:** Rich moist soils in protected warm position. Drought and frost tender. Can be grown in hanging basket.***Hoya carnosa***

EXOTIC ASCLEPIADACEAE

CLIMBER
SEMI SHADE

Twining climber of India, south China and Burma with beautifully scented flowers.

Height: To 6m**Flowering:** Spring to Autumn, dense convex umbels 8cm across of up to 20 star-shaped, waxy, scented white to pale pink flowers with red centres.**Requirements:** Fertile, moist well drained mix in bright light and shelter from drying winds. Said to flower better if pot-bound.***Hoya kerrii***

EXOTIC ASCLEPIADACEAE

CLIMBER
SEMI SHADE

Tropical vine with heart shaped succulent leaves.

Height: 2.4m - 3m.**Flowering:** Flower is maroon and white in usual Hoya form. Late spring to early summer. **Requirements:**

Do not overwater. Suitable for container.

Hoya oligotricha

NATIVE ASCLEPIADACEAE

CLIMBER
SEMI SHADE

A native of North Queensland. Leaves are succulent, glossy and almost round in shape. The stems contain a milky sap which is poisonous.

Height:**Flowering:** Flowers occur in clusters of up to forty on each pedicle. They are very fragrant, waxy white with red markings in the centre. Borne in spring-summer.**Requirements:** This species is popular in cultivation and adapts to growing in containers or hanging baskets. Needs protection from frost and blazing sun. Not as hardy as *Hoya australis* ssp. *australis*. Good drainage is essential.***Hoya villosa***

EXOTIC ASCLEPIADACEAE

CLIMBER
SEMI SHADE

Vigorous, evergreen, woody stemmed tropical climber. Leaves are oblong, 7-11cm, with distinct lateral veins.

Height:**Flowering:** Clusters of waxy, white flowers.**Requirements:** Frost tender. Humus-rich, well drained soil in semi shade. Water moderately when in growth. Stems require support. This hoyo prefers to grow up rather than cascade down. Good in garden or pot.***Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Marie Claire'**

EXOTIC HYDRANGEACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Deciduous, bushy shrub with glossy, green leaves.

Height: 1 - 2 m**Flowering:** Large, pink, mophead flowers in summer. Colour may change to blue in acid soils.**Requirements:** Well drained, moist, humus-rich soils in shade or part shade. Prune back stems that have flowered. Fertilise in June. Water well in hot weather.***Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Rose Supreme'**

EXOTIC HYDRANGEACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Garden hydrangea of the 'mophead' type, tall with large heads of pink flowers.

Height: 1 m - 1.5m**Flowering:** Summer, deep pink in non-acidic soil.**Requirements:** Well drained moist humus rich soil in shade to part shade. Prune hard after flowering, cutting out stems that have flowered and leaving others.

Hymenosporum flavum

NATIVE PITTOSPORACEAE

TREE
SUN

Small, narrow tree from Queensland and N.S.W. rainforests has shiny 16cm long leaves and fragrant flowers.

Height: To 10m

Flowering: Spring. Terminal clusters of 2.5cm diameter fragrant, cream flowers aging to yellow.

Requirements: Prefers full sun or dappled shade in well-composted and drained soil. It tolerates warm coastal sites and light frosts.

Hypocalymma angustifolium

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Soft, rounded shrub with erect stems and linear leaves from W.A. Most widely grown member of the genus for its beauty and adaptability.

Height: 1 m x 1.5m

Flowering: Clusters of tiny pink flowers in the leaf axils open profusely in late winter and spring.

Requirements: Moderately hardy plant if provided with excellent drainage.

***Iresine herbstii* 'Aureo-reticulata'**

EXOTIC AMARANTHACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Evergreen perennial with red stems and rounded, mid-green leaves with creamy-yellow or reddish veins, grown for its foliage.

Height: 0.6 m x 0.45 m

Flowering: Insignificant greenish tassels in late summer

Requirements: Loamy, well-drained soil, kept moist during growing period. Bright light to retain leaf colour. Pinch out tips in growing season to maintain compact shape. Frost tender, min. 10 – 15C.

***Iresine herbstii* 'Beefsteak'**

EXOTIC AMARANTHACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Bushy perennial with red stems and rounded purplish-red leaves with paler veins, grown for its foliage.

Height: 0.6 m x 0.45 m

Flowering: Grown for foliage. Insignificant greenish tassels in late summer.

Requirements: Loamy, well-drained soil, kept moist during growing period. Bright light to retain leaf colour. Pinch out tips in growing season to maintain compact shape. Frost tender, min. 10 – 15C.

Iris japonica

EXOTIC IRIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

From central China and Japan, this plant makes an excellent filler or ground cover, spreading freely by means of rhizomes just below soil surface.

Height: 0.3 - 0.45m

Flowering: Spring bears branched stems of 3-4 pale lavender to white frilly flowers, the centres marked with deeper purple and orange.

Requirements: Easy to grow in most conditions but does best in partial shade in slightly moisture retentive soil. Iris japonica 'variegata' has cream-banded leaves.

***Iris japonica* 'Variegata'**

EXOTIC IRIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Vigorous rhizomatous iris with fan of lance shaped cream banded leaves.

Height: 0.45m x 0.8m

Flowering: Spring. Branched flower stem with white or lavender flowers, marked with violet and yellow.

Requirements: Sheltered warm position.

Jasminum sambac

EXOTIC OLEACEAE

CLIMBER
SUN

Arabian Jasmine. An evergreen twiner with restrained growth from India and Southern Asia. Can be trained as a climber or as a bushy shrub if regularly clipped.

Height: To 3m

Flowering: Clusters of perfumed white flowers in spring and intermittently through the warm months.

Requirements: Average, well-drained soil with regular moisture in full sun to part shade. Frost tender. Prune after flowering to shape.

Justicia adhatoda SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Malabar Nut. Medicinal plant from India. Erect shrub with large mid-green leaves, grown for its attractive flower spikes

Height: 2 - 3m x 1 - 1.5m

Flowering: Summer. Spikes of tubular bell-shaped white flowers, with a curved upper lip and veined in pinkish purple.

Requirements: Tropical to warm temperate climate. Fertile, moist well drained soil in partial shade and sheltered from wind. Tip prune to promote bushiness and prune regularly to control spread

Justicia brandegeana SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN

Shrimp Plant. Evergreen small shrub from Mexico.

Height: 1 - 1.5 m x 1 m

Flowering: Curved spikes of red to rusty brown bracts surrounding white flowers, mainly in summer.

Requirements: Sun to part shade. Frost tender.

Justicia brandegeana 'Chartreuse' SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN

Attractive evergreen shrub from Mexico.

Height: 1 m x 0.6 m.

Flowering: Curved spikes of pale yellow/lime green bracts surrounding white flowers, mainly in Summer.

Requirements: Sun to part shade. Frost tender.

Justicia carnea SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Handsome evergreen tropical shrub with attractive leaves and dense erect spikes of flowers.

Height: 1.5m x 0.75m

Flowering: Summer/Autumn. Pink or rose-purple flowers in spikes.

Requirements: Fertile, moist well drained soil in partial shade. Water freely when in full growth, less in Winter. Prune back hard in early Spring to encourage branching. Frost tender. Suitable for pot.

Justicia carnea 'Alba' SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Handsome evergreen tropical shrub with attractive leaves and dense erect spikes of flowers.

Height: 1.5m x 0.75m

Flowering: Summer/Autumn. White flowers in thick spikes.

Requirements: Fertile, moist well drained soil in partial shade. Water freely when in full growth, less in Winter. Prune back hard in early Spring to encourage branching. Frost tender. Suitable for pot.

Justicia rizzinii SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Dense, evergreen shrub from Brazil with ascending and spreading stems from the base. Small oval leaves.

Height: About 1 m x 1.5m

Flowering: Pendant scarlet flowers with bright yellow tips most of the year. Peak period in winter and spring.

Requirements: Fertile well-drained soil. Best in light shade. Frost tender.

Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi SUCCULENT
EXOTIC CRASSULACEAE SUN

Bushy perennial succulent native to Madagascar has fleshy, blue-green scalloped leaves with pink edging. Stems spread out and root along the ground.

Height: 0.3 - 0.6 m

Flowering: Late winter. Panicles of orange/pink bell-shaped flowers.

Requirements: Warm, dry position in sun or part shade. Moderate water in summer, little water in winter.

Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi 'Variegata' SUCCULENT
EXOTIC CRASSULACEAE SUN

Lavender Scallops. Bushy or semi-erect succulent native to Madagascar has fleshy blue-green, scalloped leaves with cream margins, often flushed pink and mottled yellow.

Height: 0.3 - 0.5 m

Flowering: Late Winter. Terminal panicles of reddish-orange, bell-shaped flowers.

Requirements: Warm, dry position in full sun. Moderate water in summer, little water in winter.

Kalanchoe thyrsiflora

EXOTIC CRASSULACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

Flapjacks. Perennial succulent. Tightly arranged, basal rosette of large, rounded, fleshy leaves, grey-green with attractive red margins covered with a white powdery bloom.

Height: 0.6 m

Flowering: Early spring. Flower spike, to 1m, of yellow, lightly fragrant, tubular flowers.

Requirements: Very well-drained soil. Prefers full sun but will take light shade. Water sparingly in winter. Good as a container specimen, in rockeries etc.

Kalanchoe tomentosa

EXOTIC CRASSULACEAE

SUCCULENT
SUN

Evergreen plant with stout and fleshy stems. Leaves greyish, fleshy and felty with brown margins. Propagation by seed or cuttings.

Height: 0.4m x 0.5m.

Flowering: Flowers pale yellow and tubular, occurring in terminal corymbs.

Requirements: Must be grown in very well drained soil in the ground or in containers. Water regularly during the warmer months but keep dry in winter. Avoid watering over foliage where possible. Best in sun in a frost-free climate.

Kerria japonica

EXOTIC ROSACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Deciduous multi-stemmed shrub.

Height: 2 m x 1.5m

Flowering: Flowers deep yellow, 5 petalled and 3cm across

Requirements: Adaptable to most soils and positions. Drought and frost resistant.

Koelreuteria bipinnata

EXOTIC SAPINDACEAE

TREE
SUN

Deciduous tree of central and western China spectacular in flower and fruit.

Height: 8 - 12 m

Flowering: Summer, large sprays of yellow flowers followed by pendulous, papery, lantern-like seed capsules that become pinkish-red in Autumn.

Requirements: Rich, well drained soil in full sun.

Kohleria eriantha

EXOTIC GESNERIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SHADE

Attractive robust shrubby perennial spreading by rhizomatous root system.

Height: 1.2 m

Flowering: Excellent summer display of brilliant orange to orange red tubular flowers, singly or clusters of 3-4.

Requirements: Moist shaded position and less water in winter.

Lambertia formosa

NATIVE PROTEACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Well known 'Mountain Devil' of N.S.W. Erect bushy shrub, leaves are dark green, linear and with a sharp point.

Height: 1 m x 1m

Flowering: Clusters of red flowers enclosed in red bracts are produced most of the year; fruits in the form of a devil's head gives this plant its common name.

Requirements: Very hardy in most soils and aspects. Resistant to frosts and salt spray.

Laurus nobilis

EXOTIC LAURACEAE

TREE
SUN

Sweet Bay. Evergreen, broadly conical tree with glossy, narrow, dark green leaves that are very aromatic and used in cooking. Suitable to clipping and shaping.

Height: 12 m x 9m.

Flowering: In spring, small pale yellow flowers followed by ovoid green fruits that ripen to black.

Requirements: Does best in a sheltered position in sun or part shade in fertile, well-drained soil. Moderately frost and salt tolerant. Good in tubs, especially as a standard.

Lavandula angustifolia SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

English Lavender. Dense, bushy sub-shrub from Mediterranean region of southern Europe with narrow, grey furry leaves and long-stemmed flower-heads. Makes an attractive low hedge.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Summer. Purple, scented flowers that are easily dried to make sachets, potpourri etc.

Requirements: Full sun and well drained soil. Trim after flowering.

Lavandula dentata SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

French Lavender. Evergreen bushy shrub with toothed fern-like aromatic grey-green leaves.

Height: 1m x 1 m

Flowering: Dense spikes of scented tubular lavender-blue flowers and purple bracts in late winter and spring.

Requirements: Full sun and well drained soil. Cut back, removing dead flower spikes, after flowering.

Lavandula pinnata SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

From the Canary Islands, spreading bushy shrub with pinnate white hairy grey green leaves 8cm long.

Height: 1 m x 1m

Flowering: Late Summer, long unbranched stalks of fragrant blue-purple flower spikes 9cm long.

Requirements: Moderately fertile well drained soil in full sun.

***Leptospermum polygalifolium* 'Little Bun'** SHRUB
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Bushy, spreading shrub with light green oblong leaves on thick, angular branches. Good for rockeries and in protected coastal gardens. Forms a round mound.

Height: 0.6 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: Masses of small white flowers from August to October

Requirements: Sunny, well watered position. Prune to shape after flowering. Moderately frost tolerant.

***Leptospermum rotundifolium* 'Julie Ann'** GROUND COVER
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Dwarf, prostrate shrub with dense foliage from Jervis Bay on the NSW South Coast. A good groundcover.

Height: 0.3 m with spread of 1 - 2 m

Flowering: Pale pink flowers about 2cm in diameter from autumn to late winter.

Requirements: Very hardy in all situations. Salt and frost tolerant. Not suitable for tropical areas.

Leptospermum spectabile SHRUB
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN

Very attractive, recently described small to medium shrub occurring along the Colo River in central coast area of NSW.

Height: 1.5 - 3m

Flowering: Late Spring 2cm wide red flowers, profuse and conspicuous.

Requirements: Open, sunny or semi-shaded site in a range of soils and climatic conditions. Responds well to pruning. Hardy to most frosts.

***Leucophyta* 'Brownie'** SHRUB
NATIVE ASTERACEAE SUN

Cushion bush. A low shrub occurring in exposed coastal regions of Vic, Tas, SA and WA where

Height: 1 m x 1 m

Flowering: Tiny yellow, daisy type flowers in summer

Requirements: It needs plenty of sunshine and can tolerate frost and drought but dislikes warm-to-hot humid conditions. It is ideal for seaside gardens.

Linospadix monostachya TREE
NATIVE ARACACEAE SHADE

Walking Stick Palm. Slim, single stemmed understory palm from the mountainous rainforest areas of northern NSW and south easter Queensland. Strongly ringed trunk and feathery, dark green leaves, one metre long.

Height: 3m

Flowering: Mature palms bear long, pendulous stems of bright orange-red fruits in late summer and autumn

Requirements: Moist, humus rich soil. Best in shade. Can be grown in colder areas if kept well mulched. Suitable for indoors. Frost tender, min. 10C.

Liriope muscari 'Variegata'

EXOTIC LILIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

A clumping plant, with long linear shaped leaves and cream striping. It is well used in a border situation.

Height: 0.4m x 0.3m

Flowering: Flowers are lilac and bell shaped, occurring in dense terminal spikes in summer.

Requirements: Rich moist well drained soil in a protected shady position.

Lobelia laxiflora

EXOTIC LOBELIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Dense clump forming evergreen sub-shrub from Mexico and Guatemala stunning in flower. Arching leafy canes from the base have axillary cluster of flowers. Narrow tooth, 7-10cm leaves.

Height: 1 m x 0.6m

Flowering: All year. Red and yellow one-sided 3-4cm tubular flowers on thin stalks.

Requirements: Well drained, moist light loam enriched with compost or animal manure in sun or part shade.

Lonicera fragrantissima

EXOTIC CAPRIFOLIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Bushy, deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub from China with highly fragrant flowers.

Height: 1.8 - 2.4m x 3m wide.

Flowering: Winter and early Spring. Fragrant, creamy-white flowers in pairs followed by dark red berries and new dark green leaves.

Requirements: Not fussy about soil. Sun or part shade. Prune regularly to keep from becoming straggly.

Lonicera hildebrandiana

EXOTIC CAPRIFOLIACEAE

CLIMBER
SUN

Very vigorous, twining climber with large, very fragrant flowers.

Height:

Flowering: Summer. 15cm long, tubular, creamy white flowers that age to orange are borne in pairs in terminal and axillary racemes.

Requirements: Warmth and humidity in fertile, well drained, humus-rich soil in full to part sun.

Lonicera nitida

EXOTIC CAPRIFOLIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Dense evergreen shrub with small, oval, dark green leaves. Good for hedging or topiary.

Height: 2 m x 3m if left unclipped

Flowering: Tiny white flowers in spring.

Requirements: Fertile, well-drained soil. Salt tolerant. Hardy.

Loropetalum chinense var. rubrum 'Burgundy'

EXOTIC HAMAMELIDACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Evergreen shrub with horizontally branching habit. Small neat oval leaves are mid to deep green, purple-bronze when new, and form a pleasant background to the flowers.

Height: 2 - 3m

Flowering: Spring. Fragrant, spider-like pendant purple-pink flowers, major blooming in spring and then intermittently throughout the year.

Requirements: Undemanding but responds to regular water and fertilizer. Water well when young. Well drained slightly acid soil. Can be easily trained as an espalier or pruned to emphasize its branching habit.

Mackaya bella

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE

SHRUB
SHADE

Evergreen shrub, native along stream banks and forests of South Africa. Has glossy deep green oval shaped leaves.

Height: 1 - 2 m sprawling.

Flowering: Spring to autumn and into winter in warm climates. Spikes of 5 petalled, funnel-shaped, lilac pink flowers with dark veins.

Requirements: Shady and frost-free position with summer watering.

Malpighia coccigera

EXOTIC MALPIGHIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Miniature Holly, Singapore Holly. Slow-growing, evergreen, dense shrub with small, holly-like leaves from the West Indies.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Clusters of small, pink, ruffled flowers with golden stamens in summer followed by orange-red berries.

Requirements: Frost tender. Well drained, moist, rich soil in sun or part shade. Feed regularly. Prune after flowering.

Malvaviscus arboreus var. mexicanus SHRUB
EXOTIC MALVACEAE SUN

Showy flowering, quick growing shrub from Mexico, with red bell-shaped flowers, like partially-opened hibiscus flowers.

Height: 2 - 3m

Flowering: Early summer through to winter.

Requirements: Enriched, well-drained sandy soil. High humidity and filtered sun to give the best show.

Marsdenia floribunda (syn. Stephanotis floribunda) CLIMBER
EXOTIC ASCLEPIADACEAE SUN

Delightful evergreen climber from Madagascar with long-lasting sweetly-scented flowers.

Height: 3m - 4m

Flowering: Summer, creamy-white waxy heavily perfumed flowers.

Requirements: Fertile, compost-rich soil with the roots in shade.

Megaskepasma erythrochlamys SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Evergreen spreading shrub from Venezuela, grown for its brilliant floral display. Mid green leaves.

Height: Up to 3m

Flowering: Summer-autumn. Deep red flower spikes, up to 30cm long, held well above the leaves.

Requirements: Sun or part shade, leaf rich moist well-drained soil. Protect from snails. Regular water and fertilizer.

Melaleuca pulchella SHRUB
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SUN/SEMI SHADE

A low spreading shrub. It comes from WA but is suited to the Sydney region.

Height: To about 0.7m with a spread to about 1.5m.

Flowering: Attractive mauve-pink "claw" flowers in late spring, early summer.

Requirements: Most well-drained situations in full sun or part shade.

Melaleuca thymifolia

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

Thyme Honey Myrtle. Bushy small shrub, leaves thyme shaped to 1cm. Distribution Qld and NSW.

Height: To 0.8 m

Flowering: Varies from purple to white, the most common variation being pink-mauve flowers, appearing mostly in summer.

Requirements: Tolerates most soils, enjoys wet conditions and needs full sun for best flowering. Prune in late summer. Frost hardy to -7C.

Melastoma affine SHRUB
NATIVE MELASTOMATACEAE SUN

Bluetongue, Native Lasiandra. Attractive, fast-growing shrub. Leaves are rough-textured and prominently veined. Grows in Asia, in tropical Australia and as far south as Kempsey.

Height: Varies from 1.5 to 3 m

Flowering: Mauve-purple flowers, 5cm across, from late winter through spring., followed by blue-black edible fruit.

Requirements: Adapts to a variety of soils and conditions. Best in full sun in well composted soil. Frost tender. Prune regularly to maintain a bushy shape.

Melicope elleryana (syn. Euodia elleryana) TREE
NATIVE RUTACEAE SUN

Very fast growing small to medium tree with widely spreading crown from moist rainforests along stream banks; from tropics along the east coast to north eastern N.S.W. Highly decorative. Leaves are eaten by the caterpillars of the magnificent Ulysses butterfly.

Height: To 12 m

Flowering: Late Summer, massed bunches of pink flowers attractive to nectar-eating birds.

Requirements: Well drained soil and responds to fertilizer and watering in dry periods. Protect from wind. Ferns and other shade lovers can be successfully established under the protection of the canopy. Trunk and branches suitable for growth of epiphytic orchids.

Micromyrtus ciliata (low form) SHRUB
NATIVE MYRTACEAE SEMI SHADE

Compact bush with small dark green leaves reminiscent of conifers.

Height: 0.5 x 1.5m

Flowering: Minute white flowers age to red, giving a continuous display from spring to summer.

Requirements: Needs a well drained soil and full sun. Frost hardy.

Miscanthus sinensis 'Variegatus'

EXOTIC POACEAE

GRASS
SUN

One of the most beautiful and least invasive of ornamental grasses. From Asia, this cultivar has arching leaves with creamy-white lengthwise stripes.

Height: 1.5 m to 2.5m**Flowering:** N/A**Requirements:** Frost hardy and easy to grow in most soils. Prune to ground in autumn.**Miscanthus sinensis 'Zebrinus'**

EXOTIC POACEAE

GRASS
SUN

One of the most beautiful and least invasive of ornamental grasses, originally from Asia, this cultivar has golden bands irregularly placed across the long drooping 1m leaf blades on narrow canes in large bunches.

Height: To 3.5m**Flowering:** N/A**Requirements:** Hardy and easy to grow. Most soils.**Mitriostigma axillare**

EXOTIC RUBIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Small evergreen understory shrub.

Height: Approx 1 m or less**Flowering:** White lightly scented flowers summer - autumn.**Requirements:** Shelter from strong wind, soil rich in organic matter.**Moraea robinsoniana (syn. Dietes robinsoniana)**

NATIVE IRIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Endemic to Lord Howe Island, this rhizomatous perennial has leathery erect sword-like leaves and forms large clumps. A tall plant first introduced into R.B.G. by Charles Moore in 1869/70 and first flowered in 1871.

Height: 1.8m**Flowering:** Large pure white flowers with pale yellow central blotches on erect panicles 1.5m tall. Each is short lived but they are produced over a long period.**Requirements:** Exceedingly frost tender needing warm conditions to grow outdoors, and humus-rich well drained soil that does not dry out too quickly. Sun to part shade.**Muehlenbeckia complexa**

EXOTIC POLYGONACEAE

CLIMBER
SUN

Maidenhair Vine. Wire Vine. A very fast-growing, evergreen, twining vine from NZ, with slender, reddish-brown, wire-like stems and small, round, light-green leaves.

Height: To 8 m or more if given support**Flowering:** Clusters of inconspicuous white flowers in spring.**Requirements:** Good for covering banks. If provided with supporting wires can be used to cover walls, structures, topiary shapes etc. Medium water needs. Well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Salt tolerant. If left untrimmed, can become weedy.**Murraya koenigii**

EXOTIC RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Curry-leaf Tree. Small tree from India and Sri Lanka with pungent, aromatic leaves used in Indian cooking.

Height: 3 m**Flowering:** Spring to early Summer. Loose sprays of small fragrant creamy-white flowers stand out against the fresh green foliage, followed by black berries.**Requirements:** Full sun or part shade and humus rich moist but well drained soil. Early pruning and clipping after flowering ensures a compact, well shaped shrub. Can be grown in a pot.**Musa velutina**

EXOTIC MUSACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Ornamental dwarf banana species.

Height: 1.8m**Flowering:** Upward facing yellow flowers with red bracts followed by small velvety red bananas.**Requirements:** Fertile, moist soil in full sun and protection from wind.

Myoporum parvifolium

NATIVE MYOPORACEAE

GROUND COVER
SEMI SHADE

Moderately vigorous prostrate shrub.

Height: 0.6 m spreading to 1 m**Flowering:** Spring/Summer, profuse and conspicuous white or pink, purple spotted flowers.**Requirements:** Adaptable to soil types in sunny position.***Myoporum parvifolium 'Purpurea'***

NATIVE MYOPORACEAE

GROUND COVER
SUN

Purple Creeping Boobialla. Low maintenance, evergreen, matting groundcover with purple tinged foliage that deepens in colour during winter.

Height: 0.1 - 0.4 m high x 0.5 - 1.5 m wide**Flowering:** Small starry white flowers above the leaves in winter.**Requirements:** Well-drained sunny position. Frost and drought hardy. Withstands wet conditions.***Neomarica bicolor***

EXOTIC IRIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

This is a tropical iris from Central America. A most unusual plant, it has sword shaped leaves and the weight of its blooms bend the flower stems down so they take root and hence the name Walking Iris. Excellent indoor plant.

Height: 0.6 m**Flowering:** Fragrant flowers in late Spring/Summer, open for one day only. Three inner petals are coloured white, yellow and brown and the three outer petals are blue.**Requirements:** Prefers rich soil, warm conditions and part shade, although can handle some sun. Frost tender.***Neomarica caerulea***

EXOTIC IRIDACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Iris-like perennial native to Brazil and Peru has stiff sword-shaped leaves.

Height: 0.8m to 1 m**Flowering:** Spring/Summer, blue flowers with attractive central striping.**Requirements:** Sun or part shade in rich soil and plenty of water in Summer.***Nyssa sylvatica***

EXOTIC NYSSACEAE

TREE
SUN

Deciduous tree with beautiful scarlet autumn colour

Height: To 15m**Flowering:** N/A**Requirements:** Regular summer watering and mulching. Frost tolerant.***Odontonema callistachyum***

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

From Mexico, this shrub has oblong to elliptic-ovate leaves 30cm in length and tubular flowers in strongly erect terminal raceme-like panicles.

Height: 2 - 3 m**Flowering:** Red flowers in summer/autumn or all year round in the tropics.**Requirements:** Coarse, fertile, well drained loam in bright filtered light or with part day shade. Water plentifully when in full growth. Tip-pruning of young plants ensures bushy growth.***Origanum vulgare 'Aureum'***

EXOTIC LAMIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Golden Oregano. Woody-based perennial forming a dense mat of aromatic, golden-yellow young leaves that turn pale yellow-green in mid-summer. Used as a culinary herb.

Height: 0.2 m**Flowering:** Tiny pinkish-mauve flowers on terminal spikes in summer.**Requirements:** Prefers sun and well-drained soil. Frost hardy. Can be used as a groundcover, a border plant, or trailing over banks and walls.***Oscularia deltoides***

EXOTIC AIZOACEAE

GRASS
SUN

South African perennial plant with bluish grey leaves.

Height: 0.2 m x 0.15m.**Flowering:** Pink, daisy like with glossy petals**Requirements:** Warm sunny position.

Pachystachys lutea SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SHADE

Erect shrub with strongly veined mid to dark green leaves, very eye-catching when in flower.

Height: 1.6m to 2 m

Flowering: Summer to early Autumn, 10cm terminal flower stems composed of overlapping bright golden-yellow bracts surmounted by small white flowers.

Requirements: Fertile, moist well drained soil in shade or part shade or in a bright spot indoors.

Pandorea pandorana (Mt Annan form) CLIMBER
NATIVE BIGNONIACEAE SUN

Vigorous twining climber with glossy leaves. Distribution Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. This is a rare form of unknown origin, cultivated at Mt Annan for its spectacular flower colour.

Height: N/A

Flowering: Flowers are tubular to 4cm, bigger than common forms, white on the outside and striated dark red on the inside. Long flowering in spring.

Requirements: Hardy, fast growing plant for fences, trellises etc.

Pelargonium capitatum GROUND COVER
EXOTIC GERANIACEAE SUN

Fairly weak stemmed, sometimes trailing plant with grey green, strongly lobed, hairy, highly aromatic leaves.

Height: 0.3m or more

Flowering: Small pink to mauve flowers in Spring not showy but plant grown for its foliage.

Requirements: Well drained soil in full sun.

Pelargonium graveolens PERENNIAL
EXOTIC GERANIACEAE SUN

A scented geranium with aromatic foliage. It hybridises with other geraniums. Used for the production of geranium oil.

Height: 0.7 - 0.8m

Flowering: Pink flowers with some spotting on the petals. Attractive but not showy.

Requirements: Grow in full sun, but with some shelter, in order to spread the fragrance.

Persoonia chamaeipytis GROUND COVER
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Beautiful prostrate plant from the Blue Mountains, with narrow, stiff, bright green leaves. Slow growing.

Height: 0.2 m x 1 m

Flowering: Bright yellow, grevillea-like flowers in summer, forming a dense cluster close to the ends of the branches, followed by cream/yellow fruit.

Requirements: Full sun to part shade. Grows well under eucalypts. Well drained soil. Dislikes wet and humid conditions. Good in pots, rockeries, edges of retaining walls etc.

Phlomis fruticosa SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Evergreen shrub native of Southern Europe grown for its strikingly beautiful flowers.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Summer. Yellow flowers borne in whorls.

Requirements: Well drained soil in sunny exposed position. Tolerates coastal areas quite well. Prune by half in Autumn to maintain neat habit.

Pilea nummularifolia GROUND COVER
EXOTIC URTICACEAE SHADE

Creeping Charlie. Fast growing, trailing or creeping perennial from West Indies and South America. Rounded, deeply quilted, light green leaves 2cm long. Good as ground cover, in hanging baskets or as a house plant.

Height: 0.15 x 0.6 m

Flowering: Insignificant. Grown for its foliage.

Requirements: Frost tender. Grow in moist soil in full or part shade. Less water in winter.

Pimelia ferruginea SHRUB
NATIVE THYMELAEACEAE SEMI SHADE

Small neat rounded shrub, leaves oval and dark glossy green. Takes frost to -7degC and salty winds. From WA.

Height: 1 m x 1m

Flowering: Profuse pink flowers, terminal heads. Spring.

Requirements: Well drained sunny or part shaded position.

Pisonia umbellifera 'Variegata' TREE
NATIVE NYCTAGINACEAE SUN

Variiegated form of *Pisonia*. The straight species of this tree is known as the bird-catcher as small birds are sometimes trapped by the sticky fruits.

Height: Grows around 3 - 5m high in the Sydney region.

Flowering: N/A

Requirements: Does well in frost-free areas. Needs regular summer watering to establish but tolerates dry periods if well mulched.

Plectranthus amboinicus GROUND COVER
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Spreading evergreen perennial with hairy ovate aromatic mid-green leaves 4.5cm long with finely scalloped margins.

Height: 0.3m x 1 m wide.

Flowering: Summer. Whorled tubular lilac-pink, mauve or white flowers in terminal racemes to 15cm long.

Requirements: Dappled shade in moderately fertile well drained soil.

Plectranthus argentatus SHRUB
NATIVE LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Very handsome erect to spreading evergreen shrub from border mountains of S-E Queensland and N-E N.S.W has branches and leaves covered with short silver hairs. Oval, light grey-green leaves 5-10cm long have finely toothed edges.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Summer-Autumn, also sporadic. Blue and white flowers on 30cm long spikes; 9 to 11 flowers per spike.

Requirements: Moist, well drained humus-rich soil in part shade protected from frost and prolonged dry conditions. Responds well to hard pruning which is often needed every 2 to 3 years to rejuvenate plant.

Plectranthus cremnus GROUND COVER
NATIVE LAMIACEAE SUN

Vigorous dwarf aromatic plant from rocky headlands of north coast NSW, growing in crevices with shallow sandy soils. Good for borders, rockeries, large pots or hanging baskets.

Height: Prostrate, spreading to 2 m

Flowering: All year, often profuse and conspicuous white and blue flowers in spike-like racemes.

Requirements: Moderately well drained soils in sun or semi-shade. Responds to pruning.

Plectranthus ecklonii (purple) SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Attractive South African shrub with an erect bushy habit and large deep green leaves.

Height: To 1.8m

Flowering: Autumn, tubular violet flowers in erect terminal panicles.

Requirements: Moist, well drained soil in part shade protected from frost and prolonged dry conditions. Cutting back in early Spring produces better flowering.

Plectranthus ecklonii (white) SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Attractive South African shrub with an erect bushy habit and large deep green leaves.

Height: To 1.8m

Flowering: Autumn, tubular white flowers in erect terminal panicles.

Requirements: Moist, well drained soil in part shade protected from frost and prolonged dry conditions. Cutting back in early Spring produces better flowering.

Plectranthus neochilus PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Strongly aromatic semi-succulent perennial.

Height: 0.15 m - 0.2 m

Flowering: Blue/white flowers in summer.

Requirements: Best in part shade but tolerates most soils and growing conditions. Not frost tolerant.

Plectranthus saccatus

EXOTIC LAMIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

From east S. Africa, an erect freely branched soft stemmed shrub with purple tinged stems and leaves. Good pot-plant.

Height: To 1.2 m**Flowering:** Summer/Autumn, simple 10cm inflorescence of pale blue flowers in clusters of 1-3.**Requirements:** Medium fertile loam-based potting mix. Plenty of water in the growing season, dry in Winter. Prune to maintain shape. Outdoors in moist well drained soil in part shade. Protect from frost and prolonged dry conditions.***Plumeria rubra 'Acutifolia'***

EXOTIC APOCYNACEAE

TREE
SUN

Fleshy branched shrub/tree grown for its flowers.

Height: 5m x 3m**Flowering:** Summer, five-petalled white flowers with a pronounced circular yellow centre. Mild fragrance.**Requirements:** Full sun, free draining soil in protected sunny position. Frost tender. Water moderately in summer, keep dry in winter.***Poa labillardieri***

NATIVE POACEAE

GRASS
SUN/SEMI SHADE

Tussock Grass. Coarse, tussock-forming grass with narrow grey-green leaves that turn pale straw colour in summer.

Height: to 80 cm**Flowering:** Plume-like heads of purplish-green flowers on stems to 1m in spring/summer after adequate rain.**Requirements:** Thrives in most soils. Frost tolerant. Reasonably drought hardy but does best with adequate water. Remove dead leaves with a soft rake and cut back once a year in autumn/winter.***Poa sieberiana***

NATIVE POACEAE

GRASS
SUN

Grey Tussock Grass. Snow Grass. Greyish-green perennial grass forming small dense tussocks.

Height: To 1 m**Flowering:** Inflorescence forms an open panicle, above the leaves, to 20cm long, with numerous spikelets of tiny green to purple flowers in spring/summer. Seeds provide grain for seed eating birds**Requirements:** Occurs in various habitats in Eastern Australia from sea level to alpine regions and grows in most soils from sand to clay, preferring drier sites.***Podocarpus elatus***

NATIVE PODOCARPACEAE

TREE
SEMI SHADE

Medium tree from rainforests of east coast from NE Queensland to Nowra with yellowish-green young growth and edible fruit.

Height: To 15m**Flowering:** Insignificant**Requirements:** Adapts well to a range of well-drained acidic soils in semi-shade or sun. May be slow to become established but responds to slow release low phosphorous fertilizer and regular pruning or clipping.***Podocarpus spinulosa***

NATIVE PODOCARPACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Plum Pine. Medium shrub from the coastal regions of NSW and Southern Queensland. Long, rigid, glossy green leaves, 6cm. long, ending in a sharp point.

Height: 2 m x 1 m**Flowering:** Male catkins and female fruits occur on separate plants. Blue-black fruits, 1cm in diameter, on female plants only.**Requirements:** Well composted soil. Full sun or part shade. Salt tolerant. Makes an attractive container plant.***Polystichum proliferum***

NATIVE ASPIDIACEAE

FERN
SEMI SHADE

Mother Shield-fern. Hardy, cool climate, clump-forming, terrestrial fern with dark green, divided fronds. Occurs on the tablelands and ranges of eastern NSW, Victoria, and Tasmania. Old plants may form stout trunks. Small fern plantlets form on ends of mature fronds.

Height: To 1.3 m**Flowering:** N/A**Requirements:** Very hardy. Grows in most soils in reasonably damp conditions. Prefers filtered shade but will tolerate full sun for short periods. Don't let leaf litter build up in crown.

Posoqueria longiflora

EXOTIC RUBIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Needle Flower. Quick growing evergreen shrub/small tree from tropical America with glossy dark green leaves to 20cm long.

Height: To 6m in the tropics but much smaller in temperate zones.

Flowering: Pendulous clusters of heavily perfumed, tubular, white flowers, 15cm long, in spring and summer.

Requirements: Open, sunny, frost free position in well-drained soil. Water regularly.

Pouteria australis* syn. *Planchonella australis

NATIVE SAPOTACEAE

TREE
SUN/SEMI SHADE

Black Apple. Attractive evergreen tall tree with shiny elliptical leaves and milky sap. Slow growing. Wood is used in cabinet making.

Height: 10 - 12 m in cultivation

Flowering: Small bell-shaped flowers appear in summer as previous year's fruit is ripening, followed by black plum-like, edible fruit with red flesh, 5 cm long, which may be used for jam-making.

Requirements: Well-composted soil and ample moisture.

Prostanthera rotundifolia

NATIVE LAMIACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Mint Bush. Compact bush with rounded, often toothed leaves. Distribution; NSW Victoria and Tasmania.

Height: 2 m x 1.5m

Flowering: Spring. Profuse purple, sometimes pink-mauve, flowers.

Requirements: Perfect drainage and good watering. Prune after flowering to maintain vigour.

Prumnopitys ladei

NATIVE PODOCARPACEAE

TREE
SUN

Handsome slow-growing tree originating from tablelands above 1000m at Mossman Q. Grown for its dark fern-like foliage. Rare and threatened in its Queensland habitat. Very slow growing but ornamental at all stages.

Height: 10m

Flowering: N/A. Mature plants bear fleshy black fruits

Requirements: Grow in sun or part shade in well drained soil with a high organic content, regular water in hot weather. Mulch well with cow manure, straw or lucerne hay. Suitable for tub or as a feature plant. Young plants need shade through hottest part of day.

Pultenaea daphnoides

NATIVE FABACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Large-leaf Bush Pea. An erect slender shrub common in sheltered, denser, moist positions in sandstone woodlands. The leaves resemble those of the Daphne, being flat and smooth, with a prominent mid vein, ending in a spined tip.

Height: 2 - 3 m

Flowering: Clusters of yellow and red pea flowers in spring, forming dense clusters at the ends of the branches.

Requirements: Prefers sandy soils in sheltered, shady positions with plenty of moisture but good drainage. Moderately frost resistant.

Pultenaea villosa

NATIVE FABACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

A pendulous, spreading shrub found in sclerophyll woodland, in Queensland and NSW. This a compact form with an attractive habit, and very dense foliage. Grows in the Terrace Garden at Mt. Annan.

Height: 0.5 - 1 m.

Flowering: Yellow pea-like flower towards the end of the branches in spring.

Requirements: Hardy plant. Requires well drained soil in sunny position, soil rich in leaf litter. Grows well as a specimen plant.

Rhododendron oldhamii

EXOTIC ERICACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Evergreen much branched, spreading shrub, native to Taiwan.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Spring. Clusters of funnel-shaped, coral red flowers with lilac pink blotch.

Requirements: Acidic soil and light shade. Cold hardy to 10C. Mulch well.

***Rhododendron viriosum* (prev. *R. lochaie*) (Mt Annan)** SHRUB
NATIVE ERICACEAE SHADE

Low, often spreading shrub; Australia's only Rhododendron, from several high peaks in North Queensland. A striking plant in mild climates.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Spring and Summer with brilliant red trumpet-like flowers about 5cm across at the mouth carried in trusses of 2 to 7 blooms.

Requirements: Easy to grow in a shaded corner in well composted, acid soil or as a pot-plant in a peaty mix. May be grown in a hanging basket.

Rondeletia amoena SHRUB
EXOTIC RUBIACEAE SUN

Erect branching shrub, native to Central America, grown for its dense rounded clusters of scented flowers and dark green oval leaves 15cm long.

Height: 3m x 1.8m

Flowering: Spring. Pink flowers.

Requirements: Sun or part shade. Well drained slightly acid soil containing organic matter.

Rosmarinus officinalis SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Evergreen shrub, with erect woody stem and densely branching crown. Leaves leathery, dark green and fragrant.

Height: 1.5m x 1.5m

Flowering: Flowers small, pale blue or white in spring.

Requirements: Light, well drained soils in protected sunny position. Drought and frost resistant.

***Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Blue Lagoon'** SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Evergreen perennial with dark green, needle-like leaves. Arching, semi-prostrate habit.

Height: To 0.5 m

Flowering: Striking small, dark blue flowers in spring.

Requirements: Light, well drained soil in sun. Drought and frost hardy. Lightly prune to keep compact. Good for hedging.

Rothmannia globosa SHRUB
EXOTIC RUBIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Spreading large shrub or small tree from South Africa has beautifully fragrant flowers.

Height: 3.5m

Flowering: Spring. Masses of creamy-white flowers with yellow throats and gardenia-like perfume in the leaf axils or at branch tips.

Requirements: Frost tender. Sheltered sunny or semi-shaded site in well drained soil enriched with organic matter.

Ruellia dipteracantha PERENNIAL
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Ground hugging shrub with velvety leaves from Mexico.

Height: 0.1 m

Flowering: Spring. Showy lilac coloured flowers with prominent purple veins.

Requirements: Warm, sheltered, semi-shaded position in fibrous, well drained soil.

Ruellia elegans SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN

Bushy Brazilian sub-shrub, looks good in informal borders. It has pointed oval leaves and large lobed tubular flowers.

Height: 0.6m x 0.6m

Flowering: Summer with clusters of red flowers.

Requirements: Fertile, humus rich soil in sun. Frost tender.

Rulingia hermanniifolia SHRUB
NATIVE STERCULIACEAE SUN

Prostrate or trailing with stems to 1m long. Small shiny leaves, dark green and noticeably wrinkled.

Height: 0.3m x 1.5m wide.

Flowering: September to November. Star-shaped soft pink flowers with darker centres.

Requirements: Most soils if well drained in full sun. Frost hardy.

Ruspolia seticalyx SHRUB
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN

From tropical Africa, a small straggling shrub with cylindrical branches. Stems and foliage are lightly hairy. Ovate leaves.

Height: 0.5m

Flowering: All year in terminal loose clusters. Pale red tubular corolla and flaring lobes.

Requirements: Warmth and humidity. Prune hard annually.

Salvia 'Anthony Parker' PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Large, shrubby salvia with greyish leaves.

Height: 1 - 2 m

Flowering: Spikes, to 10cm, of deep purple-blue flowers in autumn and into winter.

Requirements: Best in full sun in well drained soil. Frost hardy and drought tolerant. Cut back after flowering.

Salvia azurea PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Bushy upright perennial with a long flowering period.

Height: 0.5m - 2 m

Flowering: Late summer throughout autumn. Intense sky-blue (sometimes white) flower spikes.

Requirements: Well drained soil in full sun. Hardy, frost tolerant. Cut back after flowering to maintain bushiness. Frost hardy

Salvia 'Black Knight' SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Non seeding hybrid of unknown origin and parentage but is similar to *Salvia* "Purple Majesty" which was produced at Huntington Botanic Gardens in 1977 and has *S. guarantica* and *S. gesneraeflora* 'Tequila' as parents

Height: 2 m, bushy

Flowering: Spring to Autumn. Striking deep purple tubular flowers.

Requirements: Full sun in open light textured soil and adequate water in dry weather.

Salvia canariensis SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Erect open evergreen shrub from Canary islands has sparsely branched white downy stems and lance shaped 15cm long mid-green leaves.

Height: 1 - 2 m x 0.6 - 1.2m

Flowering: Winter to Spring. Small white to violet or purple 2cm long flowers in terminal panicles.

Requirements: Light moderately fertile well drained soil in full sun or part shade. Water freely during growth but only moderately in Winter.

Salvia 'Costa Rican Blue' SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Large, long-flowering, shrubby salvia.

Height: 2 - 2.25 m

Flowering: Big, rich blue flowers with dark calyces. Flowers from late summer through to December.

Requirements: Best in full sun but will flower in light shade. Can be cut back, if needed, at any time of year. Prune hard in the non-flowering period from December to February.

Salvia dorisiana SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Native to Honduras, this is a freely branching shade-tolerant plant with an upright habit and delightfully fruity-scented leaves. The stems and lime-green leaves are densely hairy.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Late Autumn/Winter. Large magenta flowers in whorls of 4-8 on spike-like inflorescences 10cm long

Requirements: Well drained, light textured soil protected from frost. Sun or shaded sites.

Salvia elegans SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Open branched perennial or sub-shrub from Mexico and Guatemala with light green scented leaves and edible flowers.

Height: To 1.8m

Flowering: Late Summer and Autumn. Small bright red tubular bird-attracting flowers, which are delicious added to desserts and salads for colour and flavour.

Requirements: Full sun, well drained light textured soils enriched with manure and adequate summer water.

Salvia forsskaolii GROUND COVER
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Herbaceous perennial from the Balkan Peninsula. It has slightly hairy basal leaves that form an evergreen rosette of large, bright green, crinkled leaves.

Height: 0.75 m x 0.75 m

Flowering: Flowering stalks of showy violet-blue flowers with yellow and blue markings, that rise above the leaves in mid-summer.

Requirements: Loamy, well drained soil in full sun or part shade. Hardy. Deciduous in cold climates.

Salvia greggii PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Autumn Sage, from Mexico with small, aromatic, mid-green leaves.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Red flowers in summer and autumn.

Requirements: Easy to grow. Needs excellent drainage, half to full day of sun. Drought tolerant but likes weekly watering. Cut back spent inflorescences, and prune to shape before spring growth.

Salvia greggii 'Alba' PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Compact small shrub.

Height: 0.8 - 1 m

Flowering: Profusion of small white flowers summer-autumn.

Requirements: Easy to grow. Needs excellent drainage, half to full day of sun. Drought tolerant but likes weekly watering. Cut back spent inflorescences, and prune to shape before spring growth.

Salvia 'Indigo Spires' PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Perennial of sprawling habit with a long flowering period. Leaves 7-8mm long.

Height: 1 - 1.5m

Flowering: Blue-violet and purple calyces in spikes of up to 30mm in early summer.

Requirements: Full sun preferred, although part shade is also suitable. Regular watering.

Salvia involucrata SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Charming tall perennial evergreen shrubby plant from the highlands of Central Mexico.

Height: Erect canes to 1.5m

Flowering:All Summer to Autumn, loose flower spikes of mauve to magenta, each flower 5cm long, tubular but swollen in the middle.

Requirements:

Salvia karwinskii SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Semi deciduous.

Height: 1.8m x 1.2 m

Flowering: Coral pink with green calyx. Flowers in winter.

Requirements: Sun. Rich well drained soil. Cut back in Winter to promote new growth and flowers.

Salvia leucantha SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Native to Mexico and tropical Central America, a dependable woody sub-shrub with a constant display of flowers on long arching spikes. Attractive grey-green foliage.

Height: 1 - 1.2 m

Flowering: Purple and white.

Requirements: Full sun, good drainage and occasional water.

Salvia madrensis PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Forsythia Sage. From the Sierra Madr mountains in Mexico. Multi-stalked plant with square stems and heart-shaped spinach-green leaves.

Height: 2 m

Flowering: Spikes of butter-yellow flowers in autumn/winter.

Requirements: Humus rich, well drained soil in light to medium shade. Regular water. Cut back to 15 - 20 cm after flowering.

- Salvia mexicana* 'Limelight'** SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN
- Fast-growing, evergreen perennial, grey-green foliage with contrasting veins. Unusual cultivar.
Height: To 2 m
Flowering: Summer to Autumn, dramatic spikes of large chartreuse-green calyces with vibrant violet-blue flowers.
Requirements: Well-drained, light textured soil, moderate water in growing season. Frost tender. Prune to shape in early spring.
- Salvia microphylla* 'Huntingdon'** PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN
- Red Mexican Sage. Hardy, reliable shrub with small bright green leaves.
Height: 1 m
Flowering: Bright red flowers from spring through summer.
Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun. Cold and drought tolerant, also suitable for hot, humid areas. Prune after flowering.
- Salvia* 'Mystic Spires'** PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN
- Attractive, free branching, perennial sage with grey-green leaves, a smaller, more compact form of 'Indigo Spires'.
Height: To 1 m
Flowering: Spikes of purple-blue flowers from spring to autumn.
Requirements: Well-drained soil, preferably in full sun. Moderate water. Drought tolerant.
- Salvia* 'Phyllis Fancy'** PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN
- Tall growing salvia with a long flowering period, much liked by honeyeaters. Somewhat similar to *Salvia* 'Waverley', but taller.
Height: To 2 m
Flowering: Summer to late autumn. Long spikes of white/pale lavender flowers with purple bracts.
Requirements: Fertile, well drained soil in full sun to part shade.
- Salvia* 'Purple Majesty'** PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN
- Herbaceous shrub with pale green, serrated leaves, the result of a cross between *S. Guaranitica* and *S. Gesneriiflora*.
Height: 1 m to 3 m
Flowering: Spikes of rich violet coloured flowers to 25cm, mainly in summer.
Requirements: Full sun, fast draining humus-rich soil. Weekly deep watering. Cut back hard in late winter. Frost tender.
- Salvia splendens* 'Van Houttei'** SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN
- Small shrub native to Brazil.
Height: 1 m x 1 m
Flowering: Summer. Deep dull red calyx with large lighter red flowers.
Requirements: Well drained light textured soil and prefers a little shade.
- Salvia* 'Waverley'** SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE
- Shrubby salvia with a tidy habit.
Height: 1 m x 1 m
Flowering: Spikes of white and purple flowers, October to May
Requirements: Well drained soil. Cut back lightly after flowering.
- Saxifraga stolonifera*** PERENNIAL
EXOTIC SAXIFRAGACEAE SUN
- Rounded kidney shaped mid to dark green serrated leaves form dense mounds of foliage.
Height: 0.3m x 0.4m
Flowering: Summer, tall loose stems of white flowers 40cm long, spotted with red or yellow.
Requirements: Shallow rooted, requires free draining fertile soil in sun or part shade.

Scadoxus membranaceus BULB
EXOTIC AMARYLLIDACEAE SEMI SHADE

Dwarf Paint Brush Lily. Clump-forming bulb from South Africa. Usually evergreen in habitat but tends to die back in winter in cultivation. Flowers appear after leaves have developed.

Height: To 0.2 m

Flowering: Dense umbellate of small orange-red flowers surrounded by 4 red bracts, followed by red berries.

Requirements: Humus rich, well-drained soil in filtered shade. Keep moist in growing season, dry when dormant.

Scaevola aemula 'Purple Fanfare' GROUND COVER
NATIVE GOODENIACEAE SUN

Spreading, sprawling groundcover with bright green leaves with toothed margins. Relatively short lived (to 2 years). Excellent rockery, container and basket plant.

Height: Very variable – upright to 50cms and 2m across.

Flowering: Large, 5-petalled, purple flowers for most of the year.

Requirements: Moist but well-drained soil. Frost resistant. Cut back after flowering.

Schotia brachypetala TREE
EXOTIC FABACEAE SUN

Small South African tree, spectacular in flower. Bird attracting.

Height: 9 – 15m

Flowering: Spring. Deep red flowers producing copious nectar.

Requirements: Light to medium, well drained soil in full sun. Warm frost free site sheltered from strong winds.

Scutellaria ventenatii SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

From Colombia, this plant is easily grown and flowers for a long period.

Height: 0.5m x 0.5m.

Flowering: Deep crimson to magenta flowers in Spring, Summer and into Autumn if regularly deadheaded.

Requirements: Any well drained soil in full sun or partial shade. Tolerant of fairly dry soils but does best with regular watering.

Solandra longiflora CLIMBER
EXOTIC SOLANACEAE SUN

Striking evergreen climber of tropical America with shiny leathery foliage and large trumpet flowers.

Height: To 8m or so.

Flowering: Spring. 30cm long cream coloured trumpets with a delicious fragrance.

Requirements: Fertile well drained soil in warm position protected from frost. Water freely when in growth. Thin out crowded stems after flowering.

Solenostemon scutellarioides PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SEMI SHADE

Tropical plants usually grown as an annual in temperate areas. These particular varieties were grown from cuttings of old fashioned varieties supplied to the RBG by Bob Cherry.

Height: 0.6m x 0.3m

Flowering: Unimportant. Grown for their colourful leaves. Remove flowering stems.

Requirements: Frost tender. Humus rich, moist well-drained soil in warm position protected from hot sun. Adequate Summer watering. Pinch back to promote bushiness.

Stachys officinalis PERENNIAL
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Betony, Bishop's Wort. Mat-forming perennial with heart shaped, crinkled, round-toothed, soft green leaves, 12cm long.

Height: 0.45 - 0.6 m

Flowering: Whorls of hooded, tubular, usually purple flowers on sturdy stems in summer.

Requirements: Any well drained soil. Frost hardy. Will tolerate partial shade.

Stachyurus praecox SHRUB
EXOTIC STACHYURACEAE SEMI SHADE

Spiketail. Deciduous shrub from East Asia with broadly lance-shaped leaves that turn burgundy red in autumn.

Height: To 2.5m x 3m

Flowering: Stiffly pendulous racemes, 8cms long, of pale greenish-yellow flowers on bare red brown stems in late winter/early spring.

Requirements: Well drained, moist, acidic soil in part shade. Will grow in full sun providing soil is moist. Protect from wind. Half hardy.

Stenocarpus sinuatus TREE
NATIVE PROTEACEAE SUN

Outstanding ornamental tree, slow growing for first year or two, has very variable, dark green glossy leaves. Occurs naturally in a variety of rainforest types mainly near the coast, from north Queensland to northern NSW. Young plants can be used indoors.

Height: 20 – 30m

Flowering: Summer/Autumn. Bright red flowers borne terminally and in upper leaf axils in wheel-like umbels on simple or branched stalks.

Requirements: Rich loam in sun.

Sterculia quadrifida TREE
NATIVE STERCULIACEAE SUN

Peanut Tree. Handsome small bushy tree with glossy green heart shaped leaves. Semi-deciduous or deciduous in cold areas.

Height: 7 - 10 m

Flowering: Clusters of insignificant creamy flowers in spring, followed by boat shaped fruits, 8cm long, turning bright orange-red with shiny, blue-black edible seeds.

Requirements: Well drained soil in sun. Frost tender.

Strobilanthes flaccidifolius PERENNIAL
EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE

Attractive bushy sub-shrub for shaded area in well-drained moist soil. Very eye-catching.

Height: 1.5m x 1 m

Flowering: Masses of pink tubular flowers, autumn to winter.

Requirements: Semi shade, will grow under a tree canopy.

Tabernaemontana cerifera TREE
EXOTIC APOCYNACEAE SUN

Desirable small tree with beautifully perfumed flowers.

Height: Slow growing to 4m or so

Flowering: Abundant white 'starry' flowers.

Requirements: Moist humus rich soil and plenty of water in Summer. Warm situation.

Tacca chantrieri (black form) PERENNIAL
EXOTIC DILLENIACEAE SHADE

Rhizomatous perennial with large soft leaves.

Height: 0.8 - 1 m

Flowering: Dark-veined purple/black flower.

Requirements: Soil or potting mix rich in organic matter. Needs humidity and warmth.

Tetradenia riparia SHRUB
EXOTIC LAMIACEAE SUN

Semi-deciduous South African shrub grown for its massed clusters of fragrant flowers and spicily aromatic leaves.

Height: 2.4m x 1.5m

Flowering: Winter and Spring, long, fragrant clusters of tiny, pale pink to mauve flowers with red stems borne at the ends of the branches.

Requirements: Light well drained loam but not prolonged dry conditions in full sun and protection from strong winds. Plenty of water in Summer. Prune hard after flowering.

Tetranema mexicanum syn. T. roseum PERENNIAL
EXOTIC SCROPHULARIACEAE SHADE

Small, evergreen perennial sometimes known as Mexican Violet or Mexican Foxglove.

Height: 0.15 - 0.3 m

Flowering: Wide tubular flowers purple to pale violet with spotted throats. Flowering mainly through warmer months.

Requirements: Can be grown in pots or the open ground. Must have well-drained soil high in organic matter. Best in shade or filtered light in a humid atmosphere. Water regularly through warmer months, but only occasionally in winter. Enjoys similar conditions to African violets.

Tetradthea thymifolia

NATIVE TREMANDRACEAE

SHRUB
SEMI SHADE

Hardy rounded shrub with thyme-like leaves, suckering growth habit. Distribution NSW, ACT, Queensland and Victoria.

Height: To 1 m**Flowering:** White or mauve star shaped flowers with black centre, spring and summer.**Requirements:** Semi shade and good drainage.***Teucrium fruticans***

EXOTIC LAMIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Bushy evergreen shrub from the west Mediterranean with aromatic ovate silvery grey leaves. Makes a good low neat hedge and does well in seaside gardens.

Height: 1 m x 2 - 3m**Flowering:** Spring/Summer, whorls of attractive pale blue tubular flowers borne in terminal racemes.**Requirements:** Light well drained soil in full sun.***Thryptomene denticulata***

NATIVE MYRTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Low, spreading shrub with small crowded leaves to 3mm. Fine specimen plant for rockery or shrub bed.

Height: 0.7m x 1 m**Flowering:** Bears deep pink flowers in profusion in winter and spring.**Requirements:** Reasonably good drainage, full sun or part shade and a good mulch.***Thunbergia natalensis***

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Very attractive soft wooded South African shrub.

Height: 1 m**Flowering:** Soft blue throughout Summer. Dies down completely in Winter.**Requirements:** Sun and liberal water in Summer. Any reasonably rich soil with adequate drainage.***Thymus capitatus***

EXOTIC LAMIACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Low growing aromatic small shrub with grey-green leaves. Used as a culinary herb and in aromatherapy.

Height: 0.25m - 0.5m**Flowering:** Blue to pink flowers in summer in clusters at ends of branches.**Requirements:** Light to medium soils, well drained, in full sun. Drought tolerant.***Tradescantia pallida 'Purpurea'***

EXOTIC COMMELINACEAE

GROUND COVER
SEMI SHADE

From eastern Mexico, this plant forms a dense clump of purple foliage. Attractive pot or basket plant.

Height: 0.3m**Flowering:** Summer. Small pink flowers.**Requirements:** Moist to dry fertile soil in sun or part shade. Cut back ruthlessly to prevent becoming straggly.***Tradescantia zanonii 'Mexican Flag'***

EXOTIC COMMELINACEAE

PERENNIAL
SEMI SHADE

Clump forming perennial with longitudinally white striped leaves with red margins on bamboo-like, erect, fleshy stems. Grown for its foliage.

Height: 1.5 m**Flowering:** Summer to Autumn, white flowers in axillary cymes.**Requirements:** Moist, fertile soil in part shade. Liquid feed monthly.***Viola hederacea***

NATIVE VIOLACEAE

GROUND COVER
SHADE

Native Violet. Creeping evergreen perennial with round to kidney-shaped leaves, forming mats to 1m. wide, with flowers carried on erect stems above the mats.

Height: 0.1 m**Flowering:** Mauve and white flowers on thin stems for most of the year.**Requirements:** Likes damp and shady situations though will tolerate full sun. A quickly-spreading groundcover, also good in hanging baskets. Half hardy.

Westringia dampieri

NATIVE LAMIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Erect shrub with grey-green lanceolate leaves.

Height: 0.80 - 1.50 m

Flowering: White flowers in summer.

Requirements: Full sun or part shade. Drought tolerant. Light clay to sandy soils with very good drainage. Tip prune to keep bushy.

Westringia fruticosa

NATIVE LAMIACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

From NSW. A very hardy, rounded shrub with grey-green foliage; the leaves are broad linear, in whorls of four.

Height: To 2 m x 4m

Flowering: Bears white flowers in the leaf axils for most of the year.

Requirements: Will tolerate frost to -7° and salt spray, and is suitable for a clipped hedge.

Yucca desmetiana

EXOTIC AGAVACEAE

PERENNIAL
SUN

Multiple stems, short leaves crowded and recurved, green, tinged purple or purple-bronze in full sun. Columnar rosette of new green and mature burgundy foliage that loses colour as it ages. Mature specimens may have multiple trunks.

Height: To 1.8 m

Flowering: Cream bellflowers in summer, but rarely in bloom.

Requirements: Sandy soil with good drainage. Responds well to fertiliser and water during summer. Water sparingly in winter. Full sun to light shade. Heat and drought hardy.

Zieria littoralis

NATIVE RUTACEAE

SHRUB
SUN

Low, spreading shrub of low heath on exposed rocky coastal headlands south from Tathra district in NSW. Has velvety leaves.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Winter to early Spring, white flowers.

Requirements: This coastal species needs well drained soil in full sun.