

Growing Friends propagate plants held in the Living Collection and we stock an incredibly large range of unusual and hard to find sub-tropical plants, Australian natives and plants that are perfect for growing in the Greater Sydney Region.

This list represents only some of the many plants that are available at the Growing Friends Nursery at different times of the year. Customers are advised to call the office on 9231 8182 between 9.00 am to 3.00 pm or the Nursery on 0421 224 007 between 11.00 am to 2.00 pm to enquire about availability. In reality, nothing compares with a visit to see the huge variety of non-mainstream plants that are produced for sale by Growing Friends, and we look forward to welcoming you to the Nursery and showing you around.

Plant List as at August 2025

Indoor Mini Garden



Description: A decorative pot planted with a variety of indoor plants to create a colourful display. The plants are all propagated in the Nursery and are selected from a range of *Peperomia*, *Rhipsalis*, *Syngonium*, *Fittonia* and *Pilea*. The selection and size of pots and plants vary according to availability, with a wide range always on display, from individual to multiple plantings.



Requirements: These pots are all suited to bright indirect light, similar to filtered light under a tree canopy. Planted in a well-draining potting mix and needing weekly watering, allowing the water to drain out fully before repositioning.



***Abutilon* cv. (Orange)**

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Chinese Lantern Bush: A medium to large shrub with an open habit, bearing pendulous flowers.

Height: 2-3 m

Flowering: Orange 'lantern' flowers in spring to early summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, prefers full sun or morning sun. Extra water required in dry periods. Protect from winds. Fertilise in spring. Prune hard in early spring to keep compact. Not frost tolerant.

***Abutilon* cv. (Pink)**

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Chinese Lantern Bush: A medium to large shrub with an open habit, bearing pendulous flowers.

Height: 2-3 m

Flowering: Pink 'lantern' flowers in spring to early summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, prefers full sun or morning sun. Extra water required in dry periods. Protect from winds. Fertilise in spring. Prune hard in early spring to keep compact. Not frost tolerant.



Acacia aphylla

FABACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Leafless Rock Wattle. A leafless, erect, widely branching shrub. It is restricted to two areas, the Darling Range and in the Northam area, south western WA.

Height: To 2.3 m

Flowering: Golden yellow spherical balls, July to October

Requirements: Full or part sun in very well-drained soil. Drought tolerant, low maintenance. A light to heavy prune is recommended to keep any desired shape or height.

Acacia boormannii

FABACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Snowy River Wattle. Tall native shrub with narrow grey-green phyllodes on grey-barked branches and a wonderful golden flower show.

Height: To 4.5 m x 3 m

Flowering: Massed clusters of fragrant yellow flower balls cover the shrub from late winter into spring.

Requirements: Best in well-drained, light to heavy soils in full or part sun. Drought resistant and frost tolerant. May be pruned after flowering.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Acacia cognata

FABACEAE NATIVE SUN/SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Narrow Leaf Bower Wattle, endemic to S E Australia, is a graceful small shrub with weeping branchlets, bright green slender drooping leaves and lovely flowers.

Height: To 70 cm (selected dwarf form)

Flowering: Profuse globular pale yellow flower-heads are produced in spring.

Requirements: Moist, well-drained soils are best. Withstands periods of dryness. Frost tolerant. Sun or part shade.

Photo: R & F Richardson: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Acalypha reptans

EUPHORBIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: From New Guinea and Java; low growing, trailing shrub with bright green leaves and beautiful red flowers.

Height: To 0.5 m

Flowering: Summer-autumn. Bright red, fluffy tassels are produced in abundance.

Requirements: Best in a fertile, watered but well-drained soil. Suitable for baskets or pots. Will grow in sun or semi-shade. Tolerates mild frost and salt.



***Acorus gramineus* 'Ogon'**

ACORACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Miniature rhizomatous perennial 'flag' with soft, curved, narrow green and gold aromatic leaves. Spreads by creeping roots to form dense tufts.

Height: 0.3 m

Flowering: Inconspicuous flowers. Grown for the foliage.

Requirements: 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.

***Aechmea* 'Burgundy'**

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE EPIPHYTE

Description: Large rosette of glossy, deep burgundy, pointed leaves with red-brown spines.

Height: 0.3 m x 0.6 m

Flowering: Spike of burgundy berries tipped with white

Requirements: Good light, avoiding midday sun. Well drained medium. Keep water in cup. Hardy. Tolerates cold.



***Aechmea gamosepala* 'Lucky Stripes'**

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE BROMELIAD

Description: Funnel-shaped rosette of long, slender, bright green leaves striped with cream. The number of stripes may vary from plant to plant.

Height: To 60 cm.

Flowering: Striking purplish-blue flowers protruding from numerous long pink bracts, displayed above the foliage. May flower several times a year.

Requirements: Best in slightly shady areas. Will tolerate mild frost. Can be grown in pots, in the garden or as an epiphyte.

Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE EPIPHYTE

Description: Small bromeliad with narrow, spiny, grey-green leaves forming a squat rosette.

Height: 10 cm x 25 cm

Flowering: Bright pink/violet flowers held low in vase, with centre foliage turning bright pink to red at flowering.

Requirements: Good in difficult areas in the ground, in pots or mounted on wood. Sun or semi shade. Cold hardy. Well drained mix.



***Aeonium arboreum* 'Zwartkop'**

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: *Aeonium arboreum* is native to the Canary Islands. This variety is a low maintenance sub-shrub with thick stems bearing rosettes of showy, burgundy-black, waxy leaves with a green centre.

Height: 0.5 m x 1 m

Flowering: Clusters of small yellow flowers in winter.

Requirements: Well drained soil or potting mix in sun. Drought tolerant. Frost tender.

Aeschynanthus micranthus

GESNERIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE TRAILER

Description: Lipstick Plant. Evergreen, epiphytic, trailing perennial from S.E. Asia with dark green, pointed, fleshy leaves and bright flowers.

Height: To 30 cm (and trailing to 30 cm)

Flowering: Bright red tubular flowers in terminal clusters throughout the warmer months.

Requirements: Best in part shade in a hanging basket. Coarse indoor plant mix. Water well in summer; drier in winter. Likes a warm, sheltered, light position. Frost tender.



***Agastache aurantiaca* 'Apricot Sprite'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Giant Hyssop, Hummingbird Mint. From Northern America, quick-growing short-lived perennial with aromatic greyish green leaves and a compact habit. Suitable for beds, borders, containers.

Height: To 1 m x 0.5 m.

Flowering: Spikes of two-lipped tubular orange flowers through summer into autumn.

Requirements: Moist, well-drained soil in a sunny position. Remove spent flowering spikes through the season.

Ajania pacifica

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Pacific Chrysanthemum. A low mounding perennial with scalloped felt-like leaves with silver undersides and edges.

Height: 0.3 m x 0.45 m

Flowering: Clusters of yellow button-like flower heads in autumn.

Requirements: Hardy plant that adapts to exposed positions or partial shade. Can be used solely for foliage display. Well-drained moderately fertile soil, which should be kept moist. Often grown in containers.



Alcantarea glaziouana

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE TERRESTIAL BROMELIAD

Description: Sword shaped leaves, sometimes lightly banded, forming an upright rosette.

Height: Rosette to 0.9 m, inflorescence to 1.8 m

Flowering: Flowers are creamy-white, bracts purple-red on a red stalk, in late spring to early summer.

Requirements: Grow in bright filtered light in open well-drained soil or potting mix.

***Alcantarea imperialis* (metallic bronze form)**

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE BROMELIAD

Description: Slow growing, giant terrestrial bromeliad from mountains near Rio de Janeiro. Rosette of tough, leathery metallic bronze-coloured leaves. Can reach a span of 1.5 m in 10 years.

Height: To 1 m.

Flowering: Thick flower spike to 2.5 m producing hundreds of creamy white flowers with red bracts.

Requirements: Feature plant in the garden or in a pot. Well drained soil, bright filtered light. Salt and wind resistant, tolerates mild frosts.



Alloxylon flammeum

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: 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 Victoria.

Height: 20–30 m in habitat, about 10 m in cultivation.

Flowering: August–October, bright red or orange waratah flowers, then seed pods which take several months to mature.

Requirements: Hardy and adaptable. Well-drained soil rich in organic material and protection when young. Mulching and watering during dry spells. Bird attracting.

Alocasia brisbanensis

ARACEAE NATIVE SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Rhizomatous perennial with erect fleshy dark green leaves. 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 pale yellow flowers, then a greenish-yellow hood-shaped spathe followed by poisonous red berries.

Requirements: Well drained moist soil with organic litter and manure. Best in sheltered sites under trees. Hardy tub plant.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Aloe nyeriensis

ASPHODELACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Succulent plant native to Kenya. Grows as a stem topped by a rosette of blue-green, mottled leaves with spiny edges and multiplies to form clumps.

Height: 1-3 m

Flowering: Branched stems of reddish flowers held above the foliage are produced in spring/summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun. Heat and drought resistant once established. Tolerates light frost and salt air.

Alpinia zerumbet

ZINGIBERACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Shell Ginger. Very beautiful evergreen, clump forming rhizomatous perennial having densely massed stems with broad green leaves.

Height: 3 m x 1.5 – 3 m

Flowering: Summer. Drooping sprays of flowers start as waxy white or ivory buds opening one at a time to reveal yellow lips with red or pink marked throats.

Requirements: Rich well drained soil in part shade, warmth and humidity. Water regularly. Frost tender.



Alsobia 'Cygnet'

GESNERIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Laceflower vine: Native to Mexico and parts of Central America. It is a tropical, perennial vine with small, velvety green leaves. This variety has very beautiful flowers.

Height: To 15 cm x 40 cm

Flowering: Lovely late spring/early summer display of fringed, white, tubular flowers, singly or in clusters.

Requirements: Moist but well-drained soils in a semi shaded to shaded position. Less water in winter. Suitable for containers or gardens. Frost tender.

Alternanthera brasiliana

AMARANTHACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Grown as a border plant for its red foliage. Can be used as a beautiful foliage contrast against other plants. Makes an excellent hedge. To maintain compact habit, pinch out growing tips often.

Height: 0.5 m

Flowering: In small straw coloured bracts at the leaf nodes.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, regular water in summer. Warm sunny position for best colour.



***Alternanthera ficoidea* (red)**

AMARANTHACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: From Mexico and South America; grown as a border plant for its colourful foliage. This attractive variant has rich burgundy new stems and foliage, the colour persisting on the backs of the older leaves.

Height: 0.3 m

Flowering: Inconspicuous white flowers in summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in a warm sunny to part-shaded position is best. Frost tender. Keep compact by shearing.

Alyogyne huegelii

MALVACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Rounded shrub with lobed leaves to 6 cm.

Height: 2 m x 1.5 m

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

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



***Alyogyne wrayae* 'Blue Heeler'**

MALVACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUND COVER

Description: Interesting low shrub/ground cover form of the Native Hibiscus with textured foliage and beautiful flowers.

Height: 50 cm approx.

Flowering: Spring, summer; profuse purple hibiscus-type flowers.

Requirements: Hardy, suited to most well-drained soils and sunny to part-shaded position. Moderately frost hardy. Suitable for pots, rockeries, borders.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Anigozanthos 'Bush Flare'

HAEMODORACEAE NATIVE SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Compact Kangaroo Paw. Hardy, long-lived native species producing bushy clumps of strappy green foliage and a display of beautiful flowers.

Height: 50 cm

Flowering: Many stems of orange-red tubular flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Adaptable to most soil types providing drainage is good. Full sun for best flowering. Great plant for rockeries and for containers in sunny positions.



Artemisia dracunculoides

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: French Tarragon. Clump-forming perennial shrub occurring in Eurasia and North America, with bright green, narrow, strongly aromatic foliage. A valued culinary herb.

Height: Approx. 1 m

Flowering: Insignificant greenish-yellow flowers in summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soils in a sunny position. Prune in spring to encourage branching and promote a compact shape. Tolerates drought and frost.

Arthropodium cirrhatum

ASPARAGACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Renga Renga Lily. N.Z. species bearing graceful sprays of flowers above the broad handsome leaves. A good substitute for H in hot summer climates where Hostas languish.

Height: 0.9 m x 0.3 m.

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

Requirements: Sheltered spot in fertile well-drained soil.



Aspidistra elatior

ASPARAGACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Cast-iron Plant. Evergreen, rhizomatous perennial with upright, dark green, lance-like leaves. Grown for its glossy foliage and ability to withstand poor conditions.

Height: To 60 cm

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

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

***Asplenium antiquum* 'Crissie'**

ASPLENIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE FERN

Description: A beautiful variety of the Japanese Birds Nest Fern with ornamental cresting on the ends of the bright green fronds. Ideal feature plant either for the garden or for display in a pot.

Height: To 90 cm in maturity, but much smaller in a pot.

Requirements: Moist soils in shade to semi shade (no direct sun). Reduce the frequency of watering in the winter. Remove old fronds to keep plants looking fresh and avoid disease. Tolerates a well-lit position indoors.



***Aucuba japonica* 'Variegata'**

GARRYACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Gold Dust Plant. Rounded, evergreen shrub, its glossy, large green leaves are splashed with gold. Can be used as a specimen plant, for hedges or a dark corner.

Height: Grows slowly and steadily to 2 m.

Flowering: Plants are male or female. The female plant has insignificant flowers followed by red berries.

Requirements: Best in semi-shade in moist well drained soil but will tolerate dry shade and most soils. Frost tolerant. Suitable for containers or indoors.

Austromyrtus dulcis

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Midgen Berry. A low spreading shrub from northern NSW with reddish new growth and tiny white flowers, similar to tea tree. The fruits are edible, sweet white berries containing 3 – 9 seeds.

Height: 0.5 m x 1 m

Flowering: White flowers 7 – 10 mm in diameter in clusters of 2 – 5 flowers in spring and summer.

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



Banksia aquilonia

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Northern Banksia. From rainforest margins in Northern Queensland, small tree with narrow, glossy green leaves, silvery beneath, to 20 cm long.

Height: 5 m x 3 m.

Flowering: Upright spikes of pale yellow flowers from March to June.

Requirements: Well drained, open, sunny position. Salt tolerant. Mildly frost tolerant.

Photo: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Banksia blechnifolia

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Naturally prostrate banksia with thick horizontal stems and vertical leathery herringbone leaves, 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 20 cm long, dusky-red to salmon with yellow stamens.

Requirements: Very adaptable and vigorous ornamental species. Wide range of well-drained soils, preferably sandy, extra water in dry periods. Drought tolerant and withstands medium frosts. Easiest WA banksia to grow in a humid climate.



Banksia integrifolia

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Shapely tree growing on sand dunes and tidal inlets from Victoria to Queensland, very useful for coastal gardens, withstanding harsh salt spray conditions. The leathery leaves have attractive dark green colouring with silver reverses. Bird attractor.

Height: 10 – 20 m

Flowering: April to September, 5-15cm long pale yellow flower heads on short branchlets, followed by the iconic fruit.

Requirements: Very hardy, growing well in sand or heavier soil types. Responds to water in dry periods. Frost and drought tolerant.

Banksia robur

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Upright shrub, leathery leaves to 30 cm long x 8 cm wide with serrate margin. Ligno-tuberal growth. From 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 in drier areas.



Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Banksia spinulosa

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Hairpin Banksia. Native to Eastern Australia, has long narrow leaves, variably toothed. A relatively low maintenance plant.

Height: Varies in height from 1 m to 3 m.

Flowering: Varies in flower colour – red-brown, orange or gold. Flowers through autumn and winter into spring.

Requirements: Light to moderately heavy well-drained soils. Best in sun but will flower in filtered shade. Frost hardy. Water well in first two years.

Beaumontia grandiflora

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SUN CLIMBER

Description: Very beautiful vigorous evergreen twining climber with broadly oblong-ovate, downy, reddish-brown leaves 10–25 cm 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 flowers, white with green bases.

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



Begonia aconitifolia

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Vigorous cane begonia from Brazil, 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. Regular fertilisation during the growing season. Prune for shape. Frost tender. Do not overwater.

Begonia angularis

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Evergreen cane-stemmed begonia from Brazil has slender angular stems, zigzagged towards apex. Long, ovate, sharp pointed leaves, bright green above, paler green to purple beneath.

Height: To 1.5 m

Flowering: White flowers, late winter to early spring.

Requirements: Well-drained soil. Grows best in good light, but not direct sunlight. Moderate water (sparingly in winter) and liquid fertilizer during growth. Pinch growing points to produce a bushy plant. Cut back overlong canes after flowering.



Begonia 'Annan Gold'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Unusual rhizomatous Begonia grown for its interesting foliage. The stems and new growth are richly reddish and roughly hairy, maturing to attractive, large, lobed, crinkled leaves.

Height: 30 cm

Flowering: Flowers appear in the warmer weather.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in well-drained, moist soil. Fertilise and water as needed. Good for containers, gardens or indoors in good light.

Begonia 'Black Form'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Compact rhizomatous Begonia grown for its beautiful foliage: Classic Begonia kidney-shaped leaf with dark shading and darker veins.

Height: Low-growing to 30 cm

Flowering: Pink flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Shaded position in some morning sun in moist but well-drained soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.



Begonia 'Concord'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: 0.6 m

Flowering: Profuse small white flowers, from late winter through summer.

Requirements: Prefers high light area with some sun, responds to frequent tip pruning. Keep moist but avoid over-watering. Does well in pot or garden.

Begonia 'Cowardly Lion'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Unusual rhizomatous Begonia grown for its spectacular foliage. The large, crinkled leaves start off red and mature to green with a red reverse showing strongly through the leaf veins.

Height: 30 cm

Flowering: Clusters of flowers appear in the warmer weather.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in well-drained, moist soil. Fertilise and water as needed. Good for containers, gardens or indoors in good light.



Begonia domingensis

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Bushy, erect begonia 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 'Dragon Finger'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Rhizomatous begonia, a Japanese hybrid with dark green, deeply cleft leaves. Good in the garden or indoors.

Height: To 0.6 m

Flowering: Masses of dark pink flowers in spring.

Requirements: Consistently moist well-drained soil in filtered shade. Regular fertilisation in the growing period. Tip prune to encourage lateral growth.



Begonia egregia

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: White flowers in winter.

Requirements: Lightly shaded position. Use as specimen plant in any garden setting.

Begonia foliosa

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: 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, 4 – 5-petalled white tipped pink backed flowers on slender stems.

Requirements: Leaf rich, mildly acid soil, kept moist but perfectly drained. Frost tender.



Begonia 'Ginny'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Shrub-like, hairy-leaved begonia with narrow leaves. Stems and leaf backs are red.

Height: To 0.8 m

Flowering: Pale pink flowers with red hairs over a long period.

Requirements: Humus rich soil in semi-shade. Thrives in bright indirect light but will take some sun. Good in containers.

Photo: Ross Bolwell

Begonia 'Green Velvet'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Compact rhizomatous Begonia grown for its interesting foliage. The large leaves are beautifully marked, have a velvety surface and a red reverse.

Height: Low-growing to 30 cm

Flowering: Pink flowers in the warmer months

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in moist but well-drained soil. Fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.



Begonia 'Heavenly Way'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC PART SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: The young, light green, crinkled leaves have a hairy, reddish edge which matures to an attractive red-brown pattern around the scalloped leaves.

Height: 30 cm

Flowering: White flowers in warmer weather.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in well-drained, moist soil. Fertilise and water as needed. Good for containers, gardens or indoors in good light.

Begonia holtonis* var. *holtonis

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Bushy plant with attractive foliage and reddish stems.

Height: 0.75 m - 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'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Cane stemmed begonia with ovate-oblique, wavy margined deeply lobed leaves 20 cm long, dark green above and red beneath. Frost tender.

Height: 75 cm x 60 cm

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

Requirements: No direct sun. Moderate water during growth, sparingly in winter. Moderate humidity. Cut back overlong canes in spring or early summer. Frost tender.

Begonia 'Jungle Green'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Beautiful rhizomatous Begonia grown for its unusual foliage: attractive large leaves covered with a burgundy mosaic pattern and lime green star centres and veins.

Height: Low-growing to 30 cm

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in moist soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.



Begonia 'Kara'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Rhizomatous begonia with large very dark green leaves which are almost black in low light situations. Good garden plant and also suitable for pot culture indoors or out.

Height: 0.3 m

Flowering: Spring. Pink flowers.

Requirements: Shady situations for deepest leaf colour. 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

Begonia labordei

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: To half a metre

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

Requirements: Well lit but shaded position. Well drained soil. Regular watering during its active growth period, but prefers to almost dry out between waterings.



Begonia 'Lady Clare'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Beautiful multi-stemmed begonia with large palmate leaves, red beneath. A cross between *Begonia scharffiana* and *Begonia luxurians*.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Clusters of white flowers.

Requirements: Part shade. Protect from afternoon sun. Keep slightly moist.

Photo: Ross Bolwell

Begonia listada

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Beautiful, sprawling begonia that makes an excellent ground cover in shade. Deep green, velvety leaves have a lime green stripe.

Height: 0.3 m x 0.3 m

Flowering: Autumn/winter, white flowers standing 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.



Begonia 'Little Brother Montgomery'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Shrub-like begonia with distinctive maple-shaped leaves which are pinkish when young then change to silvery green. Good for indoors or out.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Late spring. Pink flowers.

Requirements: Well-drained fertile soil, shaded position with good light levels. Pinch prune at all stages of growth to produce a compact plant. Excellent in a hanging basket.

Begonia luxurians 'Palm Leaf'

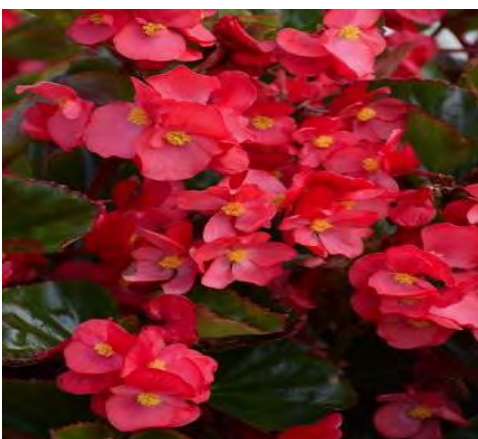
BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: To 2.5 m

Flowering: Spring/summer, 10 cm 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. Pinch out growing tips twice during the growing season to encourage compact growth.



Begonia 'Megawatt Red'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Handsome interspecific Begonia with large, shiny, bronzed green leaves and brilliant flowers.

Height: To 70 cm

Flowering: Bright red flowers on sturdy stems are produced prolifically in the warmer months for an eye-catching display.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in part shade to shade. Moderate water and liquid fertilizer every few weeks during growth period. Tip prune for shape. Suitable for gardens and containers.

Begonia metallica

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: 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 nelumbiifolia

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Native to the warm parts of Asia, Africa and North and South America: Lily-pad Begonia/Lotus-leaf Begonia. Rhizomatous begonia with large, unusual leaves.

Height: To 60 cm

Flowering: Clusters of small white to pale pink flowers held on stalks above the foliage in winter/spring.

Requirements: Bright light shade. Moist but well-drained soil. A good indoor plant in a well-lit situation. Suitable for containers.

Begonia 'Neybor'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Rhizomatous hybrid begonia with large, unusual leaves.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Clusters of small white flowers with yellow stamens in summer/autumn.

Requirements: Bright shade or dappled sunlight. Well-drained soil. A good indoor plant in a well-lit situation.



Begonia 'Opalescent'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Ornamental rhizomatous Begonia grown for its beautiful foliage: the attractive whitish-green broad leaf is edged in dark green with a pink reverse.

Height: Low-growing to 30 cm

Flowering: Pink flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in moist but well-drained soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.

Begonia 'Orange Sherbet'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Cane-like begonia hybridised by Ross Bolwell. Good for tub culture and may do well in the garden.

Height: To 0.5 m or more under ideal conditions

Flowering: Flowers a good orange colour from early summer through to autumn.

Requirements: Needs morning sun for best flowering. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth.



Begonia 'Osota'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Upright cane stemmed begonia with large, dark green, wavy leaves splashed with silver markings.

Height: 1 m.

Flowering: Profuse clusters of deep rose pink flowers in spring to autumn.

Requirements: Easy to grow. Free draining soil in filtered light, preferably slightly acidic. Keep moist but avoid overwatering. Protect from wind.

Begonia 'Pink Rubra'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: To 1.5 m

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

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



Begonia 'Red Dragon'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Unusual rhizomatous Begonia grown for its striking foliage: spiky-looking, deeply divided green leaf with coarse, reddish hairs up the stems, along the underside of the veins and around the leaf edges.

Height: 30 cm

Flowering: Pink flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in moist but well-drained soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.

Begonia reniformis

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: 30 cm – 75 cm.

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

Requirements: Best in filtered sunlight. Keep moist but needs excellent drainage.



Begonia 'Rose'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC
SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: 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'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: A Ross Bolwell hybrid cane-like begonia, medium height.

Height: 60 cm to 1.2 m.

Flowering: Rose red, profuse, spring to autumn.

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



Begonia sanguinea

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC
SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Brazilian shrub-like species with most attractive medium sized leathery leaves, dark green above and crimson beneath. Excellent pot subject.

Height: 0.5 m

Flowering: White flowers from Winter into Spring.

Requirements: Well-drained soil. Shade from hot afternoon sun. Feed regularly.

Begonia scharffii

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: From Brazil, this frost tender, shrub-like plant has bronze-green leaves with red veins above and red underneath.

Height: 1.2 m x 0.6 m wide

Flowering: Summer to autumn, panicles of white to pink-white flowers 5 cm 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'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: This rhizomatous plant is one of the best of the Begonia hybrids, with attractively marked green and silver 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: Shaded position, dislikes direct sun. Feed well using water soluble and slow release fertiliser

Begonia 'Silver Splash'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Cane-stemmed begonia with beautiful, silver-mottled leaves (new leaves are reddish) and attractive flowers.

Height: 1 m approx.

Flowering: Spring to early summer; bunches of pink flowers on stems.

Requirements: Well-drained acid soil in sun to part shade; well mulched. Fertilise every two weeks during spring and summer, and monthly during dormancy.



Begonia 'Swordfish'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Cane-stemmed Begonia with long, elegant, dark green leaves with large white spots and a red reverse; newer leaves are reddish.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Clusters of white to pale pink flowers on stems in the warmer months.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in moist well-drained soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.

Begonia 'Think Pink'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Unusual rhizomatous Begonia grown for its beautiful foliage: attractive, roughly hairy leaves with dark green edges and veins, and a red reverse showing pinkly through the pale body of the leaf.

Height: Low growing to 30 cm and slightly spreading.

Requirements: Shaded position in some morning sun in moist soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for gardens or containers.



Begonia 'Turnabout'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Unusual rhizomatous Begonia grown for its striking foliage: attractive, deeply divided, large, curled, hairy-edged leaves with a red underside and stems.

Height: 30 cm

Flowering: Pale pink flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Shaded position with some morning sun in moist but well-drained soil. Responds to fertiliser and watering as needed with fresh growth. Good for containers or gardens.

Begonia 'White Cane'

BEGONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Cane-stemmed begonia forming 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.



Bergenia crassifolia

SAXIFRAGACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: An attractive edging plant with round smooth leaves, for ground cover or rock garden planting. Spreads slowly.

Height: 0.5 m

Flowering: Short panicles of bell-like flowers in pink to lilac appear from winter to early spring. Leaves may streak with red during colder months.

Requirements: Light to full shade, fairly drought tolerant. Watering during hot weather is recommended. Extremely frost tolerant. Protect from snails and slugs.

Billbergia nutans

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE EPIPHYTE

Description: Queen's Tears. Clump forming bromeliad with narrow, silvery green leaves forming a tight vase. Spreads rapidly.

Height: To 40 cm.

Flowering: Nodding inflorescence with bright pink bracts and green petals with blue tips and edges.

Requirements: Can be grown in a pot or in the ground in porous fast draining soil. Best in part shade, but can take full sun.



Billbergia pyramidalis

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE EPIPHYTE

Description: Rosette forming bromeliad, native to eastern Brazil, has finely toothed, broad, grey-green leaves with obscure transverse banding. Vigorous species, dense clumps.

Height: 0.45 m x 1 m

Flowering: Summer. Dense panicles of erect, pale red flowers with reflexed blue tips, terminally on stems 12 cm long.

Requirements: Grow epiphytically or in porous, fast draining soil in partial shade. Light misting in very hot weather.

***Blechnum gibbum* 'Silver Lady'**

BLECHNACEAE NATIVE SHADE FERN

Description: Silver Lady Fern. Evergreen fern from Pacific tropical and subtropical regions. Grows as a rosette of handsome, light green, pinnate fronds and forms a short trunk with age, looking like a small tree fern.

Height: To 1.5 m in maturity

Requirements: Grows well as an accent plant outdoors in filtered light under trees. Ensure the crown is above the soil line. Remove old fronds to keep plants looking fresh and avoid disease. Keep just moist, fertilise lightly in spring and summer.



***Brachyscome angustifolia* 'Fresco Purple'**

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUND COVER

Description: An attractive, compact, ground-covering native daisy with dense, green, lobed foliage and lovely flowers.

Height: To 30 cm x 60 cm

Flowering: Masses of lilac daisy flowers with yellow centres throughout the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun to part shade. Moderate water. Light frost tolerant. Prune older growth to shape. Good as a garden border, in pots, hanging baskets.

***Brachyscome multifida* 'Country Light'**

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUNDCOVER

Description: Native Daisy. Free flowering, compact groundcover with fine, dense green foliage. Good in the garden, as a border, or in pots and hanging baskets.

Height: 0.25 m x 0.5 m

Flowering: Yellow centred purple flowers throughout the year, more in warmer months.

Requirements: Well drained soil in sun or part shade. Moderate water. Light frost tolerance.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



***Bracteantha* 'Kimba Jewel'**

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Mounded herbaceous perennial with largish, long green leaves. Stiff papery bracts enclose the beautiful daisy heads.

Height: 35 - 45 cm GL

Flowering: Masses of long-lasting, pink and cream, papery daisies are produced in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun to part shade. Drought- and light frost-hardy. Prune in winter and dead-head flowers to promote growth and flowers in spring. Good for gardens, rockeries, containers.

Brassia verrucosa

ORCHIDACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE ORCHID

Description: Large epiphytic orchid from Central America with upright flattened pseudobulbs 8 cm x 7 cm, carrying two leaves.

Flowering: Early summer, flower spikes 50 cm+, bearing up to 16 fragrant dainty flowers with white lip and dark spotting.

Requirements: Needs warmth above 10°C and filtered sun. Keep moist in summer, drier in winter. Use orchid potting mix and apply fertiliser at half strength. Can be grown epiphytically on a wooden support.



***Breynia nivosa* Rosea picta**

EUPHORBACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Snow Bush, Confetti Bush. Native to the Pacific Islands, cultivated for its attractive leaves. Foliage is mottled pink, white and green. Useful for hedges, either formal or informal. Flowers are insignificant.

Height: To 2 m x 1 m.

Flowering: N/A

Requirements: Sun to part shade but best in full sun. Moist, well drained soil. Frost tender.

Brillantaisia nitens

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SUN/SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: From tropical Africa, sometimes called 'Giant Salvia'. Large, lush leaves on square stems and tall flower spikes make it an eye-catching choice for the flower border.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Dramatic panicles of purple orchid-like flowers from late spring to the end of autumn.

Requirements: Best in a sunny, moist position in reasonably good soil but will tolerate some shade. May need staking. Frost sensitive.



Brunfelsia pauciflora

SOLANACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

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

Height: 1.5 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: All spring and early summer. Clusters of flowers open purple and fade to mauve and almost 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

***Brunfelsia undulata* 'Whitecaps'**

SOLANACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Slow-growing, open-branched, evergreen shrub. Dark-green, leathery leaves. Dramatic in bloom with abundant large, fragrant flowers.

Height: 2 m x 1 m

Flowering: In the warmer months: 8 cm long, fragrant (stronger at night), white flowers aging 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 with afternoon shade. Ample water in summer. Prune after flowering to promote bushiness. Frost tender.



Buckinghamia celsissima

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Ivory Curl Tree. Tall shrub to medium tree with attractive foliage and spectacular flowers. Hardy as far south as Melbourne.

Height: 5 – 10 m in cultivation but to 30 m in habitat.

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

Bulbine bulbosa

ASPHODELACEAE NATIVE SUN BULB

Description: Bulbine lily. Native to Australia, from Qld. down to Tasmania. Tufted perennial plant with long narrow, bright green, succulent leaves.

Height: To 0.75 m

Flowering: Bears bright yellow, star-shaped, fragrant flowers on long stems in the warmer months.

Requirements: Requires plenty of water, especially in the growing season. Tolerates semi-shade and frost. Can die down to tuberous stock in drought. Good container plant, or mass planting instead of daffodils.



Calathea zebrina

MARANTACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Zebra Plant. Clump-forming evergreen perennial from Brazil. Large, velvety leaves with darker stripes emerge from a basal rosette.

Height: Leaves are to 0.9 m x 0.3 m.

Flowering: Insignificant flowers on short stems at base of plant in spring.

Requirements: May be grown indoors, or in the garden, in temperate or tropical areas. Bright shade, will burn in direct sun. Rich, moist, well-drained soil.

Calliandra haematocephala

FABACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

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

Height: 2 - 2.5 m

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

Requirements: Well drained fertile soil, full sun. Prune back in late winter to keep compact. Fertilise during growing season for optimal blooming. Shelter from frost in winter.



Callistemon 'Cameo Pink'

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Large, upright bottlebrush with narrow, light green foliage and beautiful flowers; a variety of *Callistemon salignus*. Bird-attracting.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Masses of pink brushes in spring through to autumn.

Requirements: Grows well in all well drained soils in sun to part-shade. Suitable for coastal gardens. Relatively low maintenance, drought tolerant once established. Prune after flowering.

Callistemon pearsonii

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

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

Height: To 1.5 m x 1.5 m

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

Requirements: Prefers full sun but can accept part shade. Well drained soil ideal although can tolerate most soils. Relatively low maintenance, drought tolerant once established. Frost hardy. Bird attracting.



Callistemon 'Western Glory'

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Medium-sized bottlebrush shrub with lance-shaped, light green leaves and beautiful flowers. Bird attracting. Ideal for hedging, screening and mass plantings.

Height: 2 - 3 m

Flowering: Bright reddish-mauve brushes in the warmer months.

Requirements: Grows well in all well drained soils in sun to part-shade. Frost and drought resistant. Suitable for coastal gardens. Prune after flowering for compact shape.

Canistrum lindenii* var. *roseum

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE BROMELIAD

Description: Funnel shaped large rosettes of several pale green leaves with thorny margins.

Height: 0.5 - 0.75 m

Flowering: Pink to red bracts forming a cup with thorny edges hold about 80-90 pure white flowers.

Requirements: Needs well drained porous and open soil, warmth and moist shade. Suitable for pots.



Canna x generalis 'Phasion'

CANNACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Robust rhizomatous perennials native to tropical and South America. All garden Cannas are hybrids, sun loving and thrive in hot weather provided roots are well watered. This variety has beautiful striped and variegated foliage.

Height: 1.5 – 2 m

Flowering: Summer, vibrant golden-orange flowers.

Requirements: Sun, water and heavy feeding. Cut to ground after flowering.

Carpobrotus glaucescens

AIZOACEAE NATIVE SUNSUCCULENT

Description: Pigface. Native coastal creeper with thick, triangular, fleshy, upright leaves and beautiful shining flowers.

Height: To 15 cm x 2 m

Flowering: Beautiful, bright, mauve-pink, daisy-like flowers during the warmer months.

Requirements: Very well-drained soils in sun. Will grow on sand; good for binding sandy areas as it spreads by forming roots from each node. Tolerates salt, wind and drought.



***Casuarina glauca* 'Kattang Karpet'**

CASUARINACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUNDCOVER

Description: Evergreen non-flowering groundcover, a prostrate fine leaf form of the Swamp Oak. Forms a dense mound, cascading over a retaining wall or down a sloping site. Excellent soil and sand binder and weed suppressor.

Height: Up to 0.3 m high x 2 m wide

Requirements: Tolerates soil conditions from arid to waterlogged. Full sun or light shade. Wind and salt tolerant. Perfect as natural living mulch which will help to suppress weeds and retain soil moisture.

***Ceratopetalum gummiferum* 'Red Red Red'**

CUNONIACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: A lovely new variety of the New South Wales Christmas Bush. Shrub or small tree with bronze new growth, shiny green leaves and early flowering.

Height: To 5 m x 2 m

Flowering: Masses of starry, white flowers in spring. When the flower dies the calyx turns a brilliant red, giving the bush the appearance of having massed bright red flowers in summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soil. Water well in dry periods. Full sun for best colour but will grow in part shade. Prune to keep bushy.



Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Ceropegia woodii

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE CREEPER

Description: String of Hearts plant. From southern Africa. Trailing, pinkish, slender stems bear heart-shaped, attractively-marked, succulent leaves. Ideal for hanging pots and baskets.

Height: 10 cm x 3 m

Flowering: Interesting purple/mauve/white tubular flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Very well-drained, fertile soils in a well-lit position. Water when dry, prune trailing stems to shape. Tolerates drought

***Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Winter Cheer'**

ROSACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Cultivar of the well-known deciduous shrub (Flowering Quince) from the woodlands of China and Japan.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Winter/early spring, clusters of rich, red flowers are produced on the bare branches.

Requirements: Moderately fertile, well-drained soil in full sun. Cut back flowered shoots to strong buds or basal growth to promote replacement and keep shrub compact. Frost-hardy.



***Chamelaucium x Verticordia* 'Paddy's Pink'**

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Wax Flower: Hybrid between *Chamelaucium* and *Verticordia*. Medium to large, narrow-leaved native-derived shrub with beautiful pink flowers.

Height: To 2.5 m

Flowering: Massed bunches of rich pink, open-petalled flowers mainly in spring.

Requirements: Very well-drained, preferably sandy, soil in sun. May be pruned lightly to keep its shape.

***Cheilocostus speciosus* 'Pink Shadow'**

COSTACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Crepe Ginger: from southeast Asia, clump forming rhizomatous perennial with large green leaves arranged spirally on the stems and beautiful showy flowers.

Height: 1 to 1.5 m

Flowering: Large, soft pink flowers are produced in the midst of the leaves during the warmer months.

Requirements: Warm sheltered position in humus-rich soil. Semi shade is best but can stand some sun. Water and fertilise well during growth period. Likes humidity. Not frost tolerant.



Chonemorpha fragrans

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SUN CLIMBER

Description: Frangipani Vine. Evergreen, tropical, woody creeper with large glossy leaves and showy flowers.

Height: Can climb/extend many metres. Needs a sturdy structure to grow on.

Flowering: Clusters of large, highly fragrant, funnel-shaped white flowers with yellow centres (looking like Frangipani flowers) are produced in late spring through summer.

Requirements: Humus rich, free draining soil in sun. Drought hardy but appreciates some water in warm weather. Tolerates light frosts. Prune lightly after flowering.

Chorizema cordatum

FABACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Heart-leaf Flame Pea. Native to south-western WA. Small, open, spreading shrub with heart-shaped leaves and a glorious display of flowers.

Height: To 0.8 m

Flowering: Late winter to spring; beautiful sprays of orange and reddish-pink pea flowers cover the bush.

Requirements: Well-drained sandy soil in sun or part shade. Mulching is beneficial.



Chorizema varium

FABACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Limestone Flame Pea. Threatened species from south-western Western Australia. A scrambling evergreen shrub.

Height: 30 cm x 30 cm

Flowering: Late winter to spring with beautiful sprays of orange and reddish-pink pea flowers covering the bush.

Requirements: Well drained sandy soil in sun/part shade. Mulching is beneficial. Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

***Chrysocephalum apiculatum* (low form)**

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUNDCOVER

Description: Yellow Buttons. Low version of a very variable species. Sprawling, perennial groundcover with fleshy green leaves, 1 cm wide

Height: To 20 cm

Flowering: Clusters of small golden flower heads from spring to autumn.

Requirements: Hardy plant that will grow in most soils with good drainage. Likes sun, tolerates some shade. Drought tolerant. Frost resistant. Prune back in late winter.



Citrus australasica* var. *sanguinea

RUTACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

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

Height: 4–8 m

Flowering: Small fragrant white flowers in autumn followed by elongated edible fruits about 10 cm long, varying in colour from yellow-green to red 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.

Clerodendron thomsoniae

EXOTIC VERBENACEAE SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: Bleeding-heart vine. An evergreen climber with large glossy green oval leaves. Native to tropical west Africa.

Height: To 3.5 m

Flowering: Bunches of attractive white (calyces) and red (petals) flowers are produced on the ends of branches in spring and early summer and are followed by black fruit.

Requirements: Suited to most soils in sun to semi-shade but needs shelter and a frost-free environment



***Clivia miniata* (cream)**

AMARYLLIDACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Kaffir Lily, from South Africa. Hardy, easily grown clump forming evergreen with strap shaped leaves.

Height: 0.3 – 0.4 m

Flowering: Most well-known and widely grown of the species, flowering early spring, with cream flowers.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in shade. Withstands dryness, but hot dry conditions will bleach leaves. Use a complete fertiliser in spring. Tolerates root competition such as under shallow-rooted palms.

Clivia x cyrtanthiflora

AMARYLLIDACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Clump forming perennial from South Africa. Bright green, strap-like foliage.

Height: To 60 cm.

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

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



Codiaeum variegatum

EUPHORBIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Croton. Tropical plant grown for its beautifully coloured foliage. Crotons come in a range of leaf shapes and colour mixes and make appealing house plants.

Height: 2 m in maturity in ideal tropical conditions

Flowering: Clusters of tiny yellow flowers in the warmer months

Requirements: Well-drained soils in sun to part shade. Needs good light for best colour development. Extra water required in dry periods. Protect from drying winds and cold. Suitable for containers.

Coffea arabica

RUBIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 2 – 3 m

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, preferably with mild temperatures.



Coleus scutellarioides

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Tropical plants usually grown as an annual in temperate areas.

Height: 0.6 m x 0.3 m

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.

Correa glabra

RUTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Rounded, densely foliated shrub with smooth, rounded aromatic leaves. Can be used as a low screening shrub.

Height: To 2.5 m.

Flowering: Pale green to pale yellow bell-shaped flowers in winter and sporadically at other times.

Requirements: Well drained soil in half shade. Frost and drought tolerant.



Correa reflexa* var. *speciosa

RUTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: An attractive native shrub (Native Fuchsia) with rough-surfaced green leaves and very beautiful flowers.

Height: 0.5 to 1.5 m

Flowering: Red bell-shaped flowers with reflexed yellow-green tips in the warmer months. Attractive to bees and nectar-feeding birds.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Suitable for gardens or containers. Tolerates frost and coastal positions.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Costus comosus* var. *bakeri

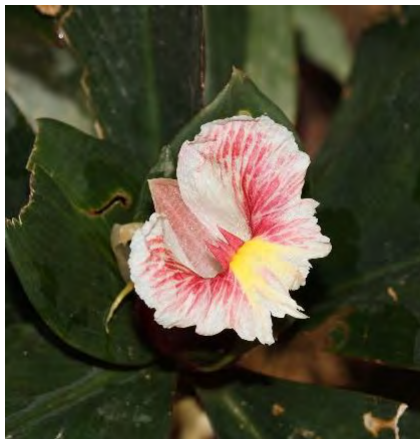
COSTACEAE EXOTIC SEMISHADE PERENNIAL

Description: 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.



Costus erythrophyllus

COSTACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Red Wine or Ox Blood Costus. The beautiful large leaves, dark blue-green on top with burgundy on the underside, are arranged spirally on the stems.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Large, striped pinkish/red flowers are produced in the midst of the leaves during the warmer months.

Requirements: Warm sheltered position in humus rich soil. Shade to semi shade is best. Water and fertilise well during growth period. Likes humidity. Not frost tolerant.

***Costus productus* 'Dwarf Orange'**

COSTACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Clump forming ginger with showy flowers. This variety is smaller-growing. Evergreen perennial with mid-green leaves arranged spirally on bamboo-like stems.

Height: 0.9 m

Flowering: Attractive orange-red terminal flower heads with overlapping bracts are produced in the warmer months. Pink-tipped, yellow flowers emerge between the bracts.

Requirements: Well-drained rich soil. Semi shade to shade. Likes warmth and humidity. Abundant water during growth. Frost tender.



***Crassula ovata* 'Gollum'**

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Branched, compact, evergreen, succulent shrub with a stout stem and glossy, green, tubular leaves. Makes a curious and interesting container plant for hot spots.

Height: To 80 cm x 60 cm

Flowering: Bunches of starry, white/pale pink flowers in autumn/winter.

Requirements: Well-drained soils in full sun; tolerates some shade. Water in warmer months when soil dries out; only if very dry in winter. Frost tender.

Crinum moorei

AMARYLLIDACEAE EXOTIC SHADE BULB

Description: Beautiful S. African plant with large flowers resembling lilliums. Leaves begin to die back as flowers open, leaving a clump of large bulbs protruding above the ground.

Height: Flower stems up to 1 m tall

Flowering: Late summer to autumn. White to pale pink 10 – 12 cm wide graceful, nodding flowers in umbels on top of the stems.

Requirements: Friable well drained soil in light to deep shade. Protect from snails and slugs.



Crowea exalata

RUTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Rounded shrub from NSW, ACT and Victoria. Spreads outwards rather than up.

Height: To 0.7 m

Flowering: Star-like flowers, white to deep pink, 2 cm in diameter in summer to autumn.

Requirements: Hardy, very decorative plant for well-drained, light, lime-free mulched soil. Some shade is desirable, or the soil should be shaded from hot sun. Frost hardy.

***Crowea exalata* 'Poorinda Ecstasy'**

RUTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Waxflower: Easily grown, small shrub (a cross between *Crowea saligna* and *Crowea exalata*) with light green, aromatic leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: 1 m x 1 m

Flowering: Large, pink, star flowers are produced during the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained and mulched soil in sun or semi-shade. Water in warm weather. Tip prune to keep compact. Suitable for garden or containers. Frost tolerant, waterwise.



Crowea saligna

RUTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Outstanding shrub for a shaded situation. Good cut flower. The leaves are dark green, shiny and dotted with oil glands. Bee and butterfly attracting.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Deep pink, star like flowers to 35 mm diameter appear in autumn and winter.

Requirements: Well-drained, well mulched soil. Frost hardy and drought tolerant.

***Ctenanthe setosa* 'Silver Star'**

MARANTACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Rhizomatous perennial from Brazil, grown for its foliage. Variegated, lance-shaped leaves, silvery green above, burgundy beneath, on slender stalks.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Insignificant flower spikes with overlapping bracts.

Requirements: Indoors in bright to moderate light, outdoors in warm climate under shady trees. Protect from winds, keep soil moist, reduce water in winter.



Cupressus cashmeriana

CUPRESSACEAE EXOTIC SUN TREE

Description: Bhutan/Kashmir Cypress. Large evergreen coniferous tree occurring at high altitudes in the eastern Himalayas. The pyramid shape and pendulous aromatic grey-green foliage make this a fine specimen tree for a large garden.

Height: 20 to 40 m high, canopy to 10 m wide, trunk to 3 m diameter in full maturity.

Flowering: Fruit are marble-sized brown cones.

Requirements: Ideal conditions are moist but well-drained, fertile soils in full sun in a cool climate.

Dampiera diversifolia

GOODENIACEAE NATIVE

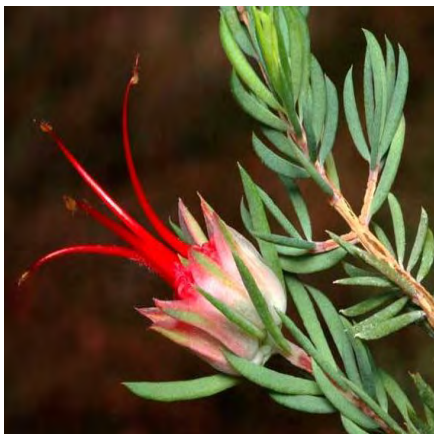
SEMI SHADE GROUND COVER

Description: Prostrate herb, with short, dense leafy branches, suckering vigorously. An excellent compact ground cover.

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 prevents any tendency for it to die back in the centre.



Darwinia taxifolia* ssp. *macrolaena

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE GROUND COVER

Description: Dwarf to small shrub from the Central Tablelands with short grey-green leaves.

Height: Short, prostrate shrub.

Flowering: In spring, white flowers ageing to red.

Requirements: Does well in light to heavy soils, in semi-shade to partial sun. Likes watering in extended dry periods. Prune lightly to keep shape. Good in rockeries, as a groundcover or in containers.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Davidsonia pruriens

CUNONIACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Davidson's Plum. Small, slender, slow growing tree with large spreading pinnate leaves to almost 1 m in length. Decorative flushes of pink new growth emerge from the crown.

Height: To 10 m but less in an open position.

Flowering: Small pink flowers in spring followed by bunches of purple plum-like fruit in autumn, very good for jam making.

Requirements: Humus rich, very well drained soil with ample water in sun to filtered shade. Protect from harsh sun and strong winds till established. Young plants can be grown as indoor pot plants.



Dendrobium kingianum

ORCHIDACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE ORCHID

Description: Occurs naturally along eastern. Highlands. Grows on rocky surfaces and sometimes on tree logs, also in warm temperate rain forests and wet sclerophyll forests.

Height: Prostrate

Flowering: Pure white to solid purple, commonly there is a splash of purple or pale to mid mauve with a mid to deep purple speckled centre. August to November.

Requirements: Grow in orchid bark mix. Do not over water, summer once a week, winter once a fortnight. Full sun, but best in part shade, not frost tolerant.

Deuterocohnia brevifolia

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SUN BROMELIAD

Description: Interesting terrestrial Bromeliad from Argentina and Bolivia. Grows as a dense mat of small rosettes of spiky-edged, triangular leaves.

Height: Clumps spread to 1.8 m.

Flowering: Green flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Very free-draining soil in sun or part shade. Tolerates mild frost and dry periods. For containers or gardens.



Dianthus 'Doris'

CARYOPHYLLACEAE EXOTIC SUN GROUND COVER

Description: Cultivar of a hybrid group of alpine species, forms a grey-green mound or mat of crowded fine leaves. Good in rock gardens or as an edging plant.

Height: To 0.2 m

Flowering: Spring and early summer with large scented double pink flowers.

Requirements: Sunny, well drained, slightly alkaline soil. Water when dry and apply fertilizer every six to eight weeks.

***Dichondra repens* 'Silver Falls'**

CONVOLVULACEAE NATIVE SUN CREEPER

Description: Silver Falls. A beautiful variety of the creeping perennial groundcover plant native to many parts of Australia and New Zealand, having round, silvery-green leaves with a heart-shaped base. Attractive groundcover plant for the garden or for a lovely trailing display in a pot.

Height: 5 cm x 80 cm

Flowering: Tiny, pale flowers in the warmer months. GF

Requirements: Moist but well-drained, soils in sun to semi shade. Drought-tolerant.



Dichorisandra thyrsiflora

COMMELINACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Rhizomatous, erect perennial from Brazil with spirally arranged, shiny, lance shaped leaves. Commonly called 'Blue Ginger' but it is not a ginger. A beautiful plant in flower.

Height: To 2.4 m 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 protected from strong winds. Drought tolerant once established.

Dichroa versicolor

HYDRANGEACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Evergreen Hydrangea. Lovely feature plant with glossy green leaves and beautiful flower heads.

Height: 1.5 to 2 m.

Flowering: Flower heads of pale buds open to rich dark blue stars in spring to autumn. (Flower colour varies with soil conditions as for other Hydrangea types.)

Requirements: Full sun to part shade in well-drained soil rich in organic matter. Protect from frost, provide water in dry weather.



Dombeya burgessiae

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN TREE

Description: Rosemound. Deciduous or semi-deciduous large shrub/small tree from SE tropical Africa with a dense canopy of large palmate leaves. Spectacular in full flower.

Height: To 6 m

Flowering: Early Spring. Bunches of white to pale pink flowers cover the tree.

Requirements: Moist well-drained fertile soil, full sun and summer moisture.

Doodia aspera

BLECHNACEAE NATIVE SHADE FERN

Description: Rasp Fern. Attractive terrestrial fern producing short, creeping rhizomes and erect fronds. New frond growths are bright pink, the old ones are green. Its spreading growth habit makes it a suitable groundcover.

Height: To 35-40 cm

Requirements: Grows best in shady, damp but well-drained conditions and in an acidic, well-composted soil. Good in the ground, containers and in baskets. Makes an attractive indoor plant.



Doryanthes excelsa

DORYANTHACEAE NATIVE SUN PERENNIAL

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

Height: 1 - 1.5 m

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

***Dracaena cincta* 'Tricolor'**

ASPARAGACEAE EXOTIC
SUN SMALL TREE/SHRUB

Description: Rainbow Tree. Slow-growing palm-like tall shrub/small tree from Madagascar. Erect and slow growing, often unbranched at first and then branching and spreading. Long, narrow, sword-like leaves with cream-margined stripes, shaded red at the edges, in bunches on ends of branches.

Height: 2 – 3 m in maturity

Flowering: Mature plants produce bunches of white flowers in summer followed by yellow berries.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun to part shade. Will grow in bright light indoors. Tolerates a wide range of conditions except frost. Good in a pot or in the garden.



Dyckia brevifolia

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SUN BROMELIAD

Description: Terrestrial bromeliad from Brazil and Argentina. Rosette of shiny, spiky, glossy green leaves. Multiplies rapidly.

Height: 10 cm x 20 cm.

Flowering: Bright orange-yellow flowers on 30 cm stems in summer.

Requirements: Best in full sun to light shade in well drained soil. Cold hardy and drought resistant.

Echeveria 'Topsy Turvy'

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Clusters of usually stemless rosettes with spoon-shaped narrow powdery grey-blue leaves curled downward at the edges and up at the tops.

Height: 20 cm approx.

Flowering: Coral pink flowers on short forked inflorescence.

Requirements: Full sun and mild winters with only light frosts. Light gritty free draining soil. Water in spring and when flowering but otherwise keep dry, especially in winter.



Elaeagnus pungens

ELAEAGNACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Silverberry. Native to Asia. Large, tough, evergreen, screening shrub with attractive dense foliage on thorny stems.

Height: To 7 m x 4 m

Flowering: In the warmer months clusters of pendant, scented white tubular flowers are followed by reddish fruit with silvery scales.

Requirements: Prefers well-drained soil in sun to light shade but will tolerate a range of soils and conditions.

Elaeocarpus reticulatus

ELAEOCARPACEAE NATIVE SUN/SHADE TREE

Description: Blueberry Ash. A small tree/large shrub with dense foliage and a conical form. A good specimen tree with attractive flowers and fruit, and a good hedging plant.

Height: 3 m – 10 m. **Flowering:** White, sometimes pinkish, bell-shaped flowers with a fringed edge from October to January followed by bright blue fruit.

Requirements: Needs little maintenance though performs best when well watered. Most soils are suitable. Grows in a range of light conditions, from sun to shade.



Epidendrum ibaguense

ORCHIDACEAE EXOTIC SUN ORCHID

Description: Crucifix Orchid. Evergreen, epiphytic orchid from Venezuela and Colombia, 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

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Fast growing beautiful shrub from India with deep green leaves on erect branching stems.

Height: 1–2 m

Flowering: Late winter/early spring. Dense terminal spikes of 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* 'Kalbarri Carpet'**

SCROPHULARIACEAE NATIVE

SUN GROUNDCOVER

Description: Emu Bush. Attractive, low growing, spreading plant, with silvery foliage.

Height: 0.3 m x 1.50 m.

Flowering: Bright yellow, tubular flowers for much of the year.

Requirements: Most well drained soils in full sun to part shade. Once established is drought and frost tolerant. Best in mass plantings.

Eremophila maculata

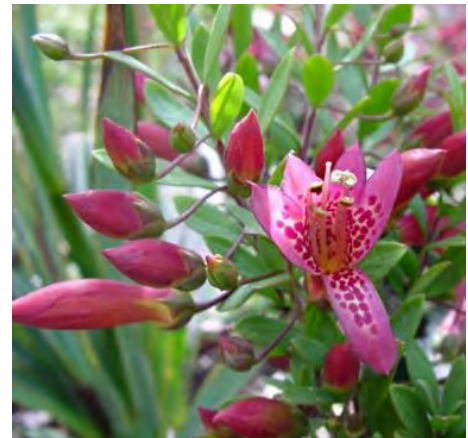
SCROPHULARIACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

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

Height: Variable height to 2 m.

Flowering: Spotted, tubular flowers to about 25 mm long in late winter/spring. Flowers may be yellow, pink, mauve or red, often with a pale spotted throat. Bird attracting.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, full sun. Moderately frost tolerant. Responds well to pruning. Though best suited to a dry climate, can be grown in more humid areas.



Eremophila racemosa

SCROPHULARIACEAE NATIVE SUN/SHADE SHRUB

Description: An erect branching shrub, the natural distribution is restricted to a semi-arid zone north of Ravensthorpe in the south west of WA, where the average annual rainfall is 200-400 mm.

Height: 1.8 m x 0.5 m

Flowering: Long yellow buds opening to pink flowers in late winter to early summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soils. Suited to pots so it can be moved under cover from abundant rain or hard frost, although moderately frost tolerant.

***Eucalyptus* 'Moon Lagoon'**

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Beautiful small mallee with silver-grey juvenile foliage. Keep well pruned to maintain blue foliage. A naturally occurring hybrid from the Western Australian *Eucalyptus kruseana*. Makes a good screening plant or specimen tree.

Height: To 4 m

Flowering: Reddish orange buds followed by white flowers which dominate the shrub in spring and early summer. Excellent cut flower and foliage shrub.

Requirements: Does well in a range of soil types in full sun. Drought and frost tolerant.



Euphorbia leucocephala

EUPHORBIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Snow Flake Bush. Shrub from Central America. Loses its leaves for a brief period after flowering.

Height: To 3 m.

Flowering: Masses of fragrant creamy white, poinsettia-like bracts from April to June.

Requirements: Well drained, protected position in full sun to part shade. Frost tender. Prune well after leaf drop. Milky sap may irritate skin.

***Euphorbia milii* 'Splendens'**

EUPHORBIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Crown of Thorns. Very spiny, slow growing, semi-prostrate shrub, from Madagascar. Stems are covered in rows of long thorns.

Height: 0.3 - 0.5 m x 2 m+

Flowering: Tiny yellow flowers among brilliant red bracts, throughout the year.

Requirements: Drought tolerant. Frost tender. Needs well-drained soil, allow to dry between waterings. The milky sap is a skin irritant.



Fatsia japonica

ARALIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: To 3 m x 3 m

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.

Fuchsia 'Beverley'

ONAGRACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Upright bushy small shrub with dark green foliage. May be grown as a compact bush or trained as a standard.

Height: To 1 m.

Flowering: Pendant clusters of flowers with pale pink tubes, pale pink sepals and deep pink to purplish-pink corollas, in summer.

Requirements: Sheltered, partly shaded position in fertile, moist but well drained soil. Keep moist in summer. Tip prune for bushiness and cut back hard in late winter. Frost hardy.



Fuchsia magellanica

ONAGRACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Hummingbird Fuchsia. Vigorous, slender sprawling shrub from South America. Dainty-looking, but hardy.

Height: 2 m

Flowering: Massed, pendulous, tubular flowers with red sepals and purple petals are produced in the warmer months.

Requirements: Moist spot in fertile soil rich in organic matter in part-shade. Prune back in winter to maintain shape. Pinching back during early growth promotes bushiness and flower production.

Gasteria 'Flow'

ASPHODELACEAE EXOTIC
SEMI SHADE SUCCULENT

Description: Small, slow-growing, succulent rosette with beautifully speckled, pointed, fleshy leaves with spiny edges.

Height: To 30 cm

Flowering: Stems of pinkish-red flowers in winter/spring.

Requirements: Very well-drained soil in part shade to sun. Heat and drought resistant once established. Garden, containers (indoors or outdoors).



Gloxinia sylvatica

GESNERIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Goldfish Plant: Attractive, small, shrubby rhizomatous perennial from the Andes of south America. Has bright green leaves and vibrant flowers.

Height: To 90 cm.

Flowering: Beautiful red-orange, goldfish-shaped tubular flowers on reddish stems in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained, moist soils in part-shade. Suits containers or gardens.

***Goodenia ovata* (prostrate)**

GOODENIACEAE NATIVE

SEMI SHADE GROUND COVER

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

Flowering: Yellow flowers in spring and summer.

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

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Graptophyllum ilicifolium

ACANTHACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Mount Blackwood Holly: native to the Mackay area of Queensland. Medium to large shrub with shiny, holly-like leaves and a very showy flower display.

Height: 3 – 5 m

Flowering: Late spring; profuse display of rich red, tubular flowers attracting nectar-feeding birds.

Requirements: Best in well-drained and mulched soils in semi shade. Prune lightly and fertilise after flowering. Frost-sensitive.

Grevillea iaspicula

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Wee Jasper Grevillea. Endangered shrubby Grevillea found only in southern NSW. Interesting medium shrub with narrow foliage and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 2.5 m

Flowering: Pendant clusters of cream and pink flowers, autumn through to spring.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun to part shade. May be pruned to shape. Frost resistant. Bird-attracting.



***Grevillea juniperina* 'New Blood'**

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: *Grevillea juniperina* is from eastern NSW and south east Qld. This special variety is a low, spreading shrub with narrow, dark green foliage and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 0.3 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: Clusters of spider-like, bird- and bee-attracting, bright red flowers for most of the year.

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

Grevillea rhyolitica

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Rare plant with restricted distribution in open eucalypt forests south of Moruya in NSW. Attractive medium-sized shrub with dark green elliptical-shaped leaves.

Height: 1.5 m wiki

Flowering: September to December. Red pendulous 'spider' type flowers in clusters from the leaf axils.

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 juniperina* ssp. *molongolo

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Rapid growing, low, spreading shrub with fine somewhat prickly 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 and for cooler and inland areas as well as coastal sites.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

***Grevillea sericea* ssp. *sericea* (pink form)**

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Medium sized floriferous shrub with a long flowering period, with delicate showy pink flowers on short branchlets that are prolific in peak season. Excellent feature plant.

Height: 0.5 m – 1.5 m. plantnet

Flowering: Autumn–spring, pink spider type flowers.

Requirements: Sunny or part shade position, well-drained sandy loam. Responds well to pruning and is tolerant of at least moderate frosts. Bee attracting.



***Grewia caffra* 'Lavender Star'**

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Lavender Star Flower: Tallish, open shrub to small tree from Southern Africa with rich green leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: 3 m **Flowering:** Mauve-pink, star-shaped flowers with golden-tipped stamens at the ends of branches in the warmer months.

Requirements: Sunny to part-shaded position in well-drained soil. More water in summer. Protect from frost. Good for gardens, large containers.

Haemanthus albiflos

AMARYLLIDACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE BULB

Description: Paintbrush Lily. Long flowering evergreen bulb from coastal Southern Africa, broad green leaves lying flat on the ground.

Height: 20–30 cm.

Flowering: In autumn/winter, umbels of numerous narrow white flowers with bright yellow stamens.

Requirements: Light sandy soil rich in compost. Allow to dry out between watering. Best in dappled shade. Plant with upper part of bulb above ground. Frost tender. Good container plant.



Hakea laurina

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

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

Height: To 6 m or so

Flowering: Autumn and winter. Dense, globular flowers in leaf axils which are cream at first and then change to light red.

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

Hedychium coccineum* var. *carneum

ZINGIBERACEAE EXOTIC

SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

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

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Summer. Unusual reddish-apricot flowers with delicate stamens, long pinkish filaments and bright orange anthers.

Requirements: Humus-rich moist but well-drained soil in a warm sheltered position or partial shade and protected from cold winds. Plenty of water and liquid feeding during the summer months.



Helichrysum petiolare

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: From southern Africa, mound forming trailing evergreen shrub with branching stems and ovate to heart-shaped leaves, densely grey, woolly. Excellent in hanging basket or container.

Height: 0.5 m x 2 m

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

Requirements: Well-drained moderately fertile soil, full sun.

***Helichrysum petiolare* 'Limelight'**

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 0.3 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: Small dull white flowerheads loosely clustered.

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



***Heliconia angusta* 'Red Christmas'**

HELICONIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Spectacular plant with dark green leaves and dramatic flowers. Suitable for partly shaded gardens and for pots.

Height: 1 m to 2 m.

Flowering: White flowers nestled in large, beautiful red bracts produced in late winter to mid spring.

Requirements: Rich, moist, well-drained soil in a protected warm location. Do not overwater. Avoid hot sun or very cold conditions to succeed with this plant.

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

BORAGINACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Bushy, compact evergreen shrub with wrinkled leaves; may be short-lived.

Height: To 1.2 m

Flowering: Summer. Dense, light violet-blue flowerheads with a vanilla fragrance.

Requirements: Fertile, moist, well-drained soil in full sun. Trim back to keep tidy and encourage further flushes of flowers. Butterfly attracting.



Helleborus orientalis

RANUNCULACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Christmas Rose. Evergreen, clump-forming perennial with dense, deep green, divided foliage.

Height: 45 cm x 45 cm

Flowering: Nodding cup-shaped flowers, winter and early spring. Flowers may be white, green or pink speckled.

Requirements: Well composted soil. Water well in summer. Grows best in cool, elevated regions, though will grow in Sydney. Will flower in full sun but prefers semi or full shade. Often grown under deciduous trees.

Hibbertia diffusa

DILLENIACEAE NATIVE

SUN/SHADE GROWDCOVER

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

Height: 0.3 – 1 m

Flowering: Spring to autumn, 2 cm 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



Hibbertia scandens

DILLENIACEAE NATIVE SUN CLIMBER

Description: Climbing Guinea Flower. Vigorous climbing or trailing plant to 2 m +. Broad bright green leaves and fleshy stems. Can be used as a ground cover or trained over a fence etc.

Flowering: Buttercup yellow flowers 5-6 cm in diameter in summer, followed by prominent red fruits.

Requirements: Very hardy, will grow in most soils but dislikes heavy frosts. Salt tolerant. Prune to shape and control.

Hibbertia vestita

DILLENIACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUND COVER

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

Height: 0.1–0.5 m 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, tolerates some shade. Flowers well after heavy pruning. Excellent for rockeries or containers.



Hibiscus coccineus

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Deciduous herb-type hibiscus with tall open growth and distinctive elegant flowers.

Height: 1.5 m

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

Requirements: Warm sunny position in damp, fertile soil. Dies down completely in winter, growing again in spring. This plant is attractive to bees, butterflies and birds.

Hibiscus insularis

MALVACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Phillip Island Hibiscus. Attractive, tall open shrub from Phillip Island in the Norfolk Island group. One of the rarest plants in the world.

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

Flowering: Summer. Pale yellow 10 cm flowers fading to pinkish mauve. When a flower first appears on a branch it is female, but by the following day it has changed to male.

Requirements: Fertile well-drained soil in full sun. Suits coastal gardens. Bird and bee attracting.



***Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* 'Apple Blossom'**

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Tall growing cultivar, eye-catching in flower. Naturally dense in habit.

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 rosa-sinensis* 'Cooperi'**

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Eye-catching, compact, evergreen shrub with lance-shaped leaves marbled olive-green and white, tinged with pink.

Height: 1–2 m

Flowering: Summer to autumn, red flowers.

Requirements: Humus rich, moist well-drained soil neutral to slightly alkaline, in full sun. Mulch well.



Hibiscus schizopetalus

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

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

Height: 3.5 m

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

Requirements: Sun and well-drained soil, feed during flowering period. Blooms better if left unpruned as the flowers are produced from the previous year's wood.

Hibiscus splendens

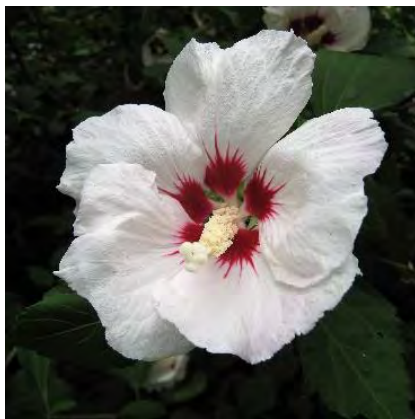
MALVACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Native to eastern Australia; a medium to large open shrub with attractive lobed furry leaves, and furry buds producing splendid large soft flowers.

Height: 3 m to 6 m

Flowering: Showy, five-petalled, soft pink flowers with interesting centres, through the warmer months.

Requirements: Average, medium moisture, well-drained soils. Full sun to part shade (flowers best in full sun). Tolerates heat, humidity and some cold (not hard frosts).



***Hibiscus syriacus* 'Helene'**

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Rose of Sharon. Long flowering, upright, multi-stemmed shrub with 3-lobed leaves with toothed edges.

Height: 3 m x 2 m

Flowering: Showy, five petalled, white flowers with a red eye from spring to autumn

Requirements: Grow in average, medium moisture, well-drained soils. Full sun to part shade (best flowering in full sun). Tolerates heat and humidity. Cold hardy. Prune back in early spring.

Hippeastrum papilio

AMARYLLIDACEAE EXOTIC SUN BULB

Description: Bulbous perennials from Central and South America with strap-like leaves and umbels of trumpet shaped flowers.

Height: 0.3 – 0.5 m.

Flowering: Spring or summer. Flowers are white/cream with unusual deep scarlet and green stripes.

Requirements: Full sun to light shade in well-drained soil. Plant with one third of bulb above ground. Allow to dry out when dormant in winter.



Homoranthus flavescens

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Spreading, almost semi-prostrate habit. Silver to blue-grey leaves are crowded on the upper side of the spreading horizontal branches. Endemic to NSW.

Height: To 0.8 m x 1 m

Flowering: Massed yellow flowers with an unusual scent are produced on branch-ends from late spring to summer.

Requirements: Well-drained soil preferably in semi-shade. Drought tolerant once established. Well suited to sheltered shady positions or understory of taller trees.

Hoya australis

APOCYNACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: From tropical and sub-tropical areas of Australia. Leaves are succulent, glossy and almost round in shape. The stems contain a poisonous sap.

Flowering: Flowers occur in spring-summer in clusters of up to forty on each pedicle. They are very fragrant, waxy white with red markings in the center.

Requirements: This species is popular in cultivation and adapts to containers or hanging baskets. Needs protection from frost and blazing sun. Good drainage is essential.



Hoya 'Minibelle'

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: Evergreen bushy climber with long, narrow, leathery, flecked leaves and beautiful flowers.

Flowering: Bunches of fragrant, rich pink, star-shaped flowers with red centres are produced in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in part shade; protect from frost and strong sun. Can be grown hanging or wrapped around a support. Suitable for containers and hanging baskets. Water moderately when in growth, sparingly at other times.

Hoya pubicalyx 'Silver Pink'

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: Very fast growing, scented, free flowering Hoya, suitable for baskets, ladders and trellises. Dark green, narrow leaves have silver markings.

Flowering: Clusters of rose coloured flowers with paler coronas along the stem in spring.

Requirements: Protect from frost. Fertile, moist well-drained mix in semi-shade. Keep relatively dry in winter. Fertilise monthly during the growing period.



Hydrangea macrophylla ssp. serrata (white)

HYDRANGEACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: *Hydrangea macrophylla* is a deciduous, bushy shrub with large glossy, green leaves and is native to Japan. This variety has heads of beautiful, white flowers.

Height: To 2 m

Flowering: Summer, large white 'mophead clusters of flowers.

Requirements: Well-drained, moist, humus-rich, soils in shade or part shade. Prune back stems that have flowered in winter. Water well in hot weather.

***Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Variegata'**

HYDRANGEACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Hydrangeas originate in Asia. This is a beautiful variety with large, white-edged, green leaves and unusual flowers.

Height: To 1.8 m

Flowering: Late spring into summer; flat bunches of flowers are produced at the ends of branches. Tiny mauve centre flowers are surrounded by a ring of larger white flowers, giving a lacy effect.

Requirements: Well-drained, moist, humus-rich soils in semi shade. Flower colour may be affected by the pH/acidity of the soil. Prune back stems that have flowered. Water well in hot weather.



Hydrangea quercifolia

HYDRANGEACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Oak-Leaf Hydrangea. Deciduous shrub, native to the USA, with deeply lobed, large leaves that colour in autumn in colder areas. Grows from underground stolons but is not invasive

Height: 1.5 – 2 m

Flowering: Creamy white flower trusses, late spring to summer.

Requirements: Best in areas with mild to cool temperatures. Well drained soil in dappled shade in a sheltered position. Only pruning needed is deadheading in winter.

Impatiens niamniamensis

BALSAMINACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Parrot's Beak, Congo Cockatoo. Upright shrub-like perennial with thick, succulent stems and glossy deep green leaves.

Height: To 1 m.

Flowering: Spring to autumn. Striking red-yellow-green hooked flowers in clusters at leaf junctions, often partly hidden by the leaves.

Requirements: Humus rich, moist soil in bright shade. Pinch out growing tips to encourage bushiness. Regular watering, especially during spring and summer. Frost tender.



Indigofera australis

FABACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Austral Indigo. Erect, slender shrub of the Pea family with arching branches and blue-green leaves.

Height: To 2 m.

Flowering: Sprays of pea shaped flowers that may be soft purple or pink, in spring to summer.

Requirements: Hardy plant. Full sun to part shade, drought and frost tolerant. Low water once established. Prune regularly to maintain a compact shape. Most soils except very wet.

***Iresine herbstii* 'Beefsteak'**

AMARANTHACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Bushy perennial with red stems and rounded purplish-red leaves with paler veins.

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.



***Iris* hybrid (white)**

IRIDACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Bearded Iris. Rhizomatous perennial with a fan of blue-green sword-shaped leaves.

Height: 0.5 m–1 m

Flowering: Spring. Scented white flowers with yellow beards.

Requirements: Best in full sun in well-drained soil. Plant 30 cm apart with top surface of rhizome exposed to the sun. Likes cold winters.

***Iris* x *germanica* (lavender)**

IRIDACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Bearded Iris, Flag Iris. Clump-forming, rhizomatous perennial with grey-green, sword shaped leaves in fan-like clusters

Height: 40 – 60 cm.

Flowering: Spring. Spikes of large, showy, pinkish-lavender flowers with creamy-brown markings.

Requirements: Best in full sun in well drained soil. Plant with top of rhizome above the surface of the soil. Frost tolerant.



Justicia adhatoda

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 2–3 m x 1–1.5 m

Flowering: Summer. 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, prune regularly to control spread.

Justicia brandegeana

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN SHRUB

Description: 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. Fertile, well-drained soil; water generously in hot weather to keep plant looking fresh. Frost tender.



***Justicia brandegeana* 'Chartreuse'**

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SUN SHRUB

Description: Attractive evergreen shrub from Mexico.

Height: 1 m x 0.6 m.

Flowering: Curved spikes of pale yellow/lime green bracts surrounding white flowers over a long period but mainly in Summer. Bee and butterfly attracting.

Requirements: Sun to part shade. Frost tender. A sprawling plant, it needs regular pruning.

Justicia brasiliana* syn. *Dianthera nodosa

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Attractive cascading small shrub from Brazil.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Pretty, tubular, three lipped fan shaped flowers in the leaf axils in summer and autumn.

Requirements: Moist, well-drained soil. Morning sun or light shade. Grows well under trees. Frost tender. Prune after flowering to keep compact.



Justicia carnea

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 1.5 m x 0.75 m

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'

EXOTIC ACANTHACEAE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 1.5 m x 0.75 m

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

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: About 1 m x 1.5 m

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.

Justicia scheidweileri

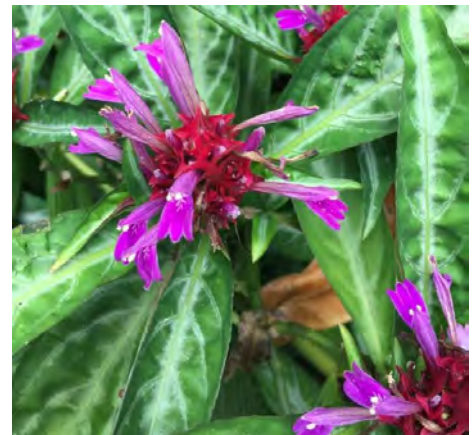
ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE GROUND COVER

Description: Purple Shrimp Plant. Native to Brazil; attractive ground cover with bright green, silver-veined leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 30 cm

Flowering: Mauve flowers emerge from upright spikes of burgundy bracts in the warmer months.

Requirements: Fertile, well-drained soil in part-shade to shade. Water freely when in full growth, less in winter. Frost tender. Suitable for gardens and containers.



Kalanchoe hildebrandtii

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Silver Teaspoons. From Madagascar, compact branching shrub-like succulent with woody stems and silver-grey leaves.

Height: To 1 m.

Flowering: Loose inflorescence of small white bell-shaped flowers.

Requirements: Thrives in dry soils. Water occasionally in summer, letting the surface dry out between waterings, and reduce watering in the winter.

Kalanchoe integra* var. *crenata

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Widespread in tropical Africa where a common name is 'Neverdie'. A branching shrub-like succulent, the green leaves have scalloped reddish margins.

Height: 0.3 m–0.6 m

Flowering: Loose inflorescence of small bell-like flowers. After flowering, all aerial parts die back to a persistent rootstock.

Requirements: Thrives in sandy or dry soils, does not like wet roots. Water occasionally in summer. Good for pots and rockeries.



Kohleria eriantha

GESNERIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: 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: Well drained soils, any type with added organic matter. Allow to dry slightly between waterings. Moist shaded position and less water in winter. Fertilise regularly during the growing season. Protect from frost

Lavandula dentata

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: French Lavender. Evergreen, bushy shrub with toothed, fern –like, aromatic, grey-green leaves.

Height: 1 m 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.



***Lechenaultia biloba* 'Big Blue'**

GOODENIACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Outstanding ornamental shrub from Western Australia renowned for its wonderful display of flowers which nearly cover the foliage.

Height: 0.3–1 m x 0.3–1 m

Flowering: May to February. Conspicuous, long lasting pale to deep blue flowers to 3 cm across, in dense clusters of up to six blooms.

Requirements: Very well drained light soil in airy sites with plenty of sunshine. Ideal for containers or rockeries; responds to tip pruning and light pruning.

***Lechenaultia formosa* (yellow)**

GOODENIACEAE NATIVE SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Prostrate or semi-erect plant, good in rockeries or containers. Wonderful display of flowers which nearly cover the foliage.

Height: 30 cm x 30 cm

Flowering: From August to November, rich yellow flowers.

Requirements: Very well-drained light soil with plenty of sunshine. Responds to tip pruning and light pruning from an early age. Will tolerate hot, dry, exposed positions. Water sparingly.

Photo: C. Green: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Lepidozamia peroffskyana

ZAMIACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE CYCAD

Description: Tall, slow-growing cycad with glossy green, pinnate fronds up to 3 m. Attractive foliage display in 3 - 4 years. Excellent long-lived container plant.

Height: To 7 m (less in most lifetimes).

Flowering: Bears large male and female cones. Female cones break apart when ripe to produce poisonous red seeds.

Requirements: Adaptable, though humus-rich acid soils are ideal. Sun to full shade but best in dappled shade. Water and mulch during dry periods; light applications of native fertiliser.

Lepismium bolivianum

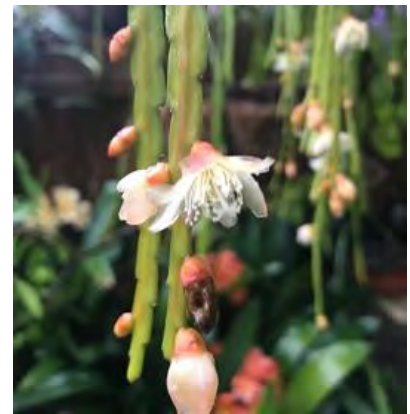
CACTACEAE EXOTIC SHADE CACTUS

Description: (Syn. *Rhipsalis bolivianum*) Epiphytic cactus from Jamaica: Long, slender, flat stems with multiple branches. Interesting and attractive plant, especially when in flower.

Height: Trailing stems to 1 m

Flowering: Dainty whitish flowers are produced along the stems in spring-summer and are followed by white fruit.

Requirements: Best in hanging baskets or pots. Cactus compost, in dappled light. Minimum 10C. Water when dry.



***Leptospermum rotundifolium* 'Julie Ann'**

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUND COVER

Description: 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 2 cm in diameter from autumn to late winter.

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

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Leucophyta brownii

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Cushion Bush. Formerly *Calocephalus brownii*. Small, rounded silver-grey shrub with tiny scale-like leaves.

Height: 1 m by 1 m.

Flowering: Globular flower heads of greenish yellow, 1 cm in diameter, in summer.

Requirements: Most well-drained soils in full sun. Salt, drought and frost tolerant. Dislikes high humidity. Prune regularly to keep compact.



Ligularia tussilaginea

syn. *Farfugium japonicum*

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: From Japan, Korea and Taiwan, clump-forming perennial with large, kidney-shaped, glossy leaves on long stalks. Spreads by shallow rhizomes.

Height: 0.6 m

Flowering: Clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers rising above the leaves in autumn.

Requirements: Moist, well-drained soil in partial shade. Good groundcover in shady areas.

Lomandra longifolia

ASPARAGACEAE NATIVE SUN GRASS

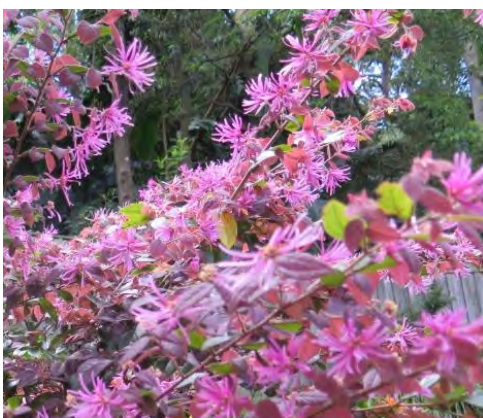
Description: From SA, Tas, NSW, Vic. Narrow strap like leaves are relatively stiff. It forms hardy tussocks.

Height: 0.5 m – 1 m

Flowering: Bears crowded spiny flower spikes held on flattened stems. The flowers are fragrant on warm days.

Requirements: Almost any soil and aspect. Very hardy, suits median strip plantings.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



***Loropetalum chinense* var. *rubrum* 'Ruby'**

HAMAMELIDACEAE EXOTIC

SUN/SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Compact, small, rounded, evergreen shrub with ruby red new growth.

Height: 1 - 1.5 m

Flowering: Pink fringe flowers in spring then intermittently throughout the year.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in light shade to full sun. Water well when young, less when established. Prune lightly after flowering.

Ludisia discolor

ORCHIDACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE ORCHID

Description: Jewel Orchid. Small forest-floor orchid from South East Asia with beautifully marked dark leaves on fleshy stems.

Height: To 10 - 45 cm wide and high

Flowering: Stems of delicate, fragrant, white flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Grow in free-draining growth medium such as orchid bark mix in part shade. Good for containers, baskets and as an indoor plant. Likes tropical conditions; drought and frost tender.



Mackaya bella

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SHADE SHRUB

Description: Evergreen shrub, native along stream banks and forests of South Africa. Glossy, deep green oval shaped leaves.

Height: 1–2 m sprawling.

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

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

Macrozamia communis

ZAMIACEAE NATIVE SUN CYCAD

Description: Highly ornamental, graceful cycad excellent for large containers.

Height: Slow growing to 2 – 4 m

Flowering: N/A

Requirements: Adapts to most well-drained soils in positions from nearly full shade to full sun. Will grow in sub-tropical and temperate regions and tolerates moderate to heavy frosts.



Medinilla cummingii

MELASTOMATACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: 'Chandelier Tree': Small evergreen tropical shrub from the Philippines with large, prominently-veined, leathery leaves and spectacular flowers.

Height: 1. 5 m

Flowering: Clusters of soft pink flowers among large pink bracts appear during the warmer months of the year and are followed by purple berries.

Requirements: Best in good light/bright shade. Loose, well-drained soil. Fertilise for best results. Likes humidity; don't allow to dry out. Prune to shape. Protect from frost. Suitable for containers.

Medinilla magnifica

EXOTIC MELASTOMATACEAE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Philippine Orchid: Evergreen tropical shrub from the Philippines with large leathery leaves and spectacular flowers.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Clusters of soft pink flowers among large pink bracts appear during the warmer months of the year, followed by purple berries.

Requirements: Best in good light/bright shade. Loose, well-drained soil. Fertilise for best results. Likes humidity; don't allow to dry out. Prune to shape. Protect from frost. Suitable for containers.



Medinilla pendula

MELASTOMATACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Philippine Orchid: Evergreen tropical shrub from the Philippines with large, prominently-veined, leathery leaves and spectacular flowers.

Height: To 1.5 m

Flowering: Clusters of soft pink flowers with large pink bracts appearing during the warmer months of the year, followed by purple berries.

Requirements: Best in good light/bright shade. Loose, well-drained soil. Fertilise for best results. Likes humidity; don't allow to dry out. Prune to shape. Protect from frost. Suitable for containers.

Megaskepasma erythrochlamys

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: Up to 3 m

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

Requirements: Sun or part shade, rich moist well-drained soil. Protect from snails. Avoid afternoon sun. Regular water and fertiliser. Prune to maintain shape.



***Melaleuca incana* 'Velvet Cushion'**

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: A dwarf form of *M. incana* from Western Australia. An attractive small rounded shrub with soft weeping branches.

Height: 60 cm x 60 cm

Flowering: Plant is covered in small creamy pale-yellow flowers on the branches in spring to summer.

Requirements: Thrives in full sun and well-drained soil, drought tolerant once established.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Melaleuca thymifolia

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Thyme-leaf Honey Myrtle. Bushy small shrub, leaves thyme-shaped to 1 cm. Adaptable for small garden or public park. Distribution Queensland and NSW.

Height: To 0.8 m

Flowering: From purple to white, the most common 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 malabathricum ssp. malabathricum

MELASTOMATACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Native Lasiandra: Grows in Australia and parts of Asia. Attractive, fast-growing shrub with rough-textured, prominently veined leaves on reddish stems and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Mauve-pink, fragrant flowers in the warmer months.

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.

Metrosideros thomasi

MYRTACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: NZ Christmas Bush: Handsome large shrub to small tree with velvety grey-green leaves and wonderful flowers. Specimen tree or in clipped rows for hedging.

Height: 4 - 5 m

Flowering: Bright orange-red fluffy flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-shade. Drought and salt tolerant when established.



***Micromyrtus ciliata* (low form)**

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Fringed Heath Myrtle. Compact bush with small aromatic dark green leaves reminiscent of conifers. Needs little attention once established.

Height: 0.5 x 1.5 m

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. Adequate water ensures lush growth.

***Microsorium punctatum* 'Green Flame'**

POLYPODIACEAE NATIVE SHADE FERN

Description: A shiny, lush, upright-growing, forest-green, tropical fern that makes a compact and decorative indoor plant. The leaf tips divide and form attractive curls. Also suitable for shade below shrubs and trees.

Height: To 50 cm x 50 cm

Requirements: Well-drained rich soil, slightly moist in summer but a little drier in winter. Apply weak liquid fertiliser about each 4-5 weeks during warmer growing months.



Monstera adansonii

ARACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: Swiss Cheese Plant: Bright green, heart-shaped leaves with a pattern of holes, giving a delicate, lacy appearance in the young plants. Popular as a potted house plant for its attractive leaves and trailing stems.

Height: To 8 m (in full maturity in a garden)

Flowering: White arum-type flowers appear on mature plants in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained, rich soils in a semi-shaded position protected from hot sun. Frost tender. Grow in a container to limit the size of the plant.

Muehlenbeckia complexa

POLYGONACEAE EXOTIC SUN CLIMBER

Description: Maidenhair Vine, Wire Vine. A fast-growing, evergreen, twining vine with slender, reddish-brown, wire-like stems and small, round leaves.

Height: To 8 m or more if given support.

Flowering: Inconspicuous white flowers in spring.

Requirements: Good for covering banks, walls, structures, topiary shapes etc. Medium water needs. Well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Salt tolerant. If left untrimmed can become weedy.



***Myoporum parvifolium* 'Purpurea'**

SCROPHULARIACEAE NATIVE

SUN GROUND COVER

Description: 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.

Nematanthus 'Linda Jo'

GESNERIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Attractive trailing perennial from Brazil spreading by a rhizomatous root system. This variety has shiny leaves and beautiful flowers. Lovely in a hanging basket or a pot.

Height: To 80 cm

Flowering: Display of brilliant yellow-tipped, orange-red, 'goldfish-shaped' flowers in the warmer months.

Requirements: Moist semi shaded position in well-drained soil; less water in winter. Appreciates fertiliser. Frost tender.



Neomarica northiana

IRIDACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Walking Iris. A most unusual plant, it has sword shaped leaves and the weight of its blooms bends the flower stems down so they take root. Excellent indoor plant.

Height: 60 cm

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 pale blue.

Requirements: Prefers rich soil, warm conditions and part shade, although can handle some sun. Frost tender.

Neoregelia compacta

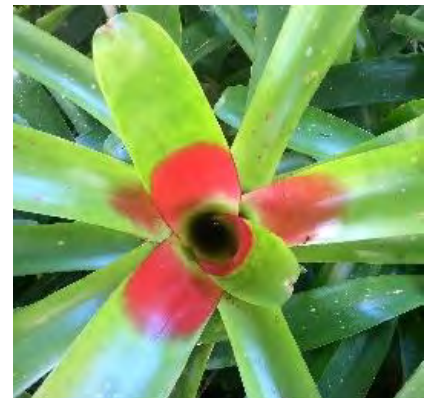
BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE BROMELIAD

Description: Epiphytic bromeliad from Brazil. Rosette of brilliant, bright green leaves. When about to flower, the centre of the rosette turns brilliant crimson. Spreads readily by producing stolons to extend the position of the pups.

Height: 30 cm x 40 cm.

Flowering: Insignificant bluish flowers.

Requirements: Plant in free draining soil or open, porous potting material in bright filtered light.



Nepenthes ventricosa

NEPENTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Pitcher Plant. An interesting carnivorous climbing plant from the Philippines with long waxy leaves. The large hanging pitchers are richly coloured and marked and contain a liquid that digests trapped insects.

Requirements: Needs humidity, warmth and bright light. May be grown outdoors if in a warm, sheltered position and kept moist. Does best in a hanging basket. Potting mix should be well-drained, slightly acidic and low in nutrients.

***Nephrolepis cordifolia* 'Duffii'**

NEPHROLEPIDACEAE NATIVE SHADE FERN

Description: Lemon Button Fern. A beautiful variety of *Nephrolepis cordifolia* which is native to north eastern Australia. Very attractive fern with fresh green rounded 'leaflets' along the fronds. Ideal feature plant for the garden, for a terrarium or for display in a pot.

Height: 30 cm

Requirements: Moist soils in shade to semi shade (no direct sun). Tolerates a well-lit position indoors.



Odontonema tubaeforme

syn. *Odontonema strictum*

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 2 m-3 m.

Flowering: Red flowers in autumn.

Requirements: Coarse, fertile, well drained loam in bright filtered light or part day shade. Water well when in full growth, tip-prune young plants to ensure bushy growth.

Osmanthus fragrans

OLEACEAE EXOTIC SUN/SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Sweet Olive. Evergreen, upright shrub or small tree from China and Japan, with oblong, toothed, dark green leaves.

Height: 3 m.

Flowering: Extremely fragrant, small, white or cream flowers in autumn and sometimes intermittently in spring and summer.

Requirements: Protected position in sun or part shade. Well-drained fertile soil. Half-hardy



Pachystachys lutea

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SHADE SHRUB

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

Height: 1.6 m to 2 m

Flowering: Summer to early autumn, 10 cm 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

Pentas lanceolata

RUBIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: From Yemen to South Africa, a sprawling, evergreen small shrub with lance shaped, hairy leaves. Attractive to birds and butterflies.

Height: 1–1.5 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: Profuse clusters of dark pink, pale pink, mauve or bright red star shaped flowers in summer and autumn.

Requirements: Ordinary well-drained soil. Protect from wind. Frost tender, best in Sydney or farther north. Can be pruned in spring when weather warms up.



Peperomia blanda* var. *floribunda

PIPERACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Native to Australia, this evergreen perennial has tough, hairy, oval, deeply-veined, dark green leaves on erect stems.

Height: 0.3 m

Flowering: Clusters of narrow, greenish flower spikes appear through much of the year.

Requirements: Well-drained soils in part shade. Appreciates water and fertiliser but can resist drought. Suitable for the garden or containers.

Peperomia obtusifolia

PIPERACEAE EXOTIC
SEMI SHADE INDOOR PLANT

Description: Evergreen perennial has leathery, oval, deeply-veined dark green leaves which trail/cascade attractively on pinkish-green stems.

Height: 0.25 m

Flowering: Irregular clusters of white flower spikes.

Requirements: Bright light but not direct sun; indoors or a groundcover in tropical conditions. High humidity; water from below, keep dry in winter. Feed monthly with half-strength liquid fertilizer.



Persoonia levis

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Broad-leaved Geebung. Tall shrub to small tree with large, broad, bright green leaves.

Height: To 5 m

Flowering: Small yellow, grevillea-like flowers grow in clusters at the ends of the branches in summer/autumn and are followed by small green fruit.

Requirements: Full sun to part shade. Well drained soil, and lots of sunshine. Frost resistant, can cope with extended periods of little to no rainfall.

Philadelphus mexicanus

HYDRANGEACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Mexican Mock Orange. From Mexico and Guatemala, handsome, upright, evergreen shrub with fresh green leaves and lovely flowers.

Height: 3 m x 2.5 m

Flowering: Clusters of delightfully scented (of orange flowers) white blooms are produced in the warmer months.

Requirements: Moist but well-drained, mulched soil in sun to dappled shade. Responds well to pruning after flowering.



Philodendron 'Birkin'

ARACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: This Philodendron variety has beautiful leaves which start out almost white, develop green stripes and age to green. Feature plant for the garden or in a container (indoors or outdoors).

Height: To 90 cm

Flowering: Insignificant Arum-type flowers are produced in summer.

Requirements: Rich, moist, well-drained soil in semi shade (bright light, not direct sun). Likes humidity; frost-tender

Philotheca myoporoides 'Winter Rouge'

RUTACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Attractive, small, evergreen shrub with aromatic leaves and a lovely display of flowers.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Pink buds open to five-petalled, pink-tinged, white flowers in winter-spring.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in part shade. Moderately tolerant of drought and frost. Prune after flowering to promote compact growth.

Photo: A. Stewart: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Phlebodium aureum 'Blue Star'

POLYPODIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE FERN

Description: Blue Star Fern. An epiphytic fern from the tropical and sub-tropical Americas with most unusual blue/grey/green lobed fronds. Attractive feature plant for the garden or for display in a pot or hanging basket.

Height: To 90 cm in maturity, but smaller when grown in a pot.

Requirements: In the garden, moist, light well draining soils in shade to semi shade (no direct sun). Avoid over watering which can lead to root rot. Tolerates a well-lit position indoors.

Phymosia umbellata

MALVACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Mexican Bush Mallow, with soft, lobed grey-green leaves. In a warm sheltered spot may flower all year. Can be trained when young to form a multi-stemmed shrub or a single-trunked tree.

Height: To 6 m

Flowering: Small clusters of bowl-shaped deep pink flowers, 35 cm wide.

Requirements: Moist, well drained soil in full to half sun in a sheltered location. Protect from strong winds which can damage the brittle stems. Frost tender.



Pieris japonica

ERICACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Lily-of-the-Valley Shrub is an evergreen shrub native to Eastern China. A fine feature plant, it has dark green leaves after coppery new growth and a beautiful flower display.

Height: To 4 m in maturity

Flowering: In late winter to early spring bunches of white 'lily of the valley'-like flowers are produced at the ends of the branches.

Requirements: Well-drained but moist soil in a sheltered position is best. Mulch and water well in hot weather

Pilea peperomioides

URTICACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: From southern China: Pancake plant, Chinese Money Plant. Attractive, round, bright green leaves with prominent veins on long slender stems. Good in hanging baskets or as a house plant.

Height: To 40 cm

Flowering: Tiny whitish flowers in maturity.

Requirements: Frost tender. Best in moist, but well-drained, soil in bright but indirect light. Rotate the plant regularly to prevent it leaning towards the light. Less water in winter.



Pilea 'Silver Sparkles'

URTICACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Beautiful, rounded, trailing plant with small silvery, blue-green leaves on slender pinkish stems. Ideal for terrariums or bottle gardens.

Height: To 50 cm

Flowering: Insignificant. Grown for its foliage.

Requirements: Moist but well-drained soil in bright light. Less water in winter. Frost tender. Good as ground cover, in hanging baskets or as a house plant.

Pimelea ferruginea

THYMELAEACEAE NATIVE

SUN/SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Small neat rounded shrub, prolific and long-flowering, leaves oval and dark glossy green. Takes salty winds and frost to -7deg C.

Height: 1 m x 1 m

Flowering: Profuse pink flowers, terminal heads in spring.

Requirements: Well-drained sunny or part shaded position, suitable for coastal gardens.



Piper sarmentosum

PIPERACEAE NATIVE SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Wild Pepper: Native to tropical areas in many parts of Asia. Edible perennial herb with large, prominently veined, heart-shaped, dark green leaves.

Height: To 50 cm

Flowering: Short stalks of tiny white flowers are followed by tiny fruits in the warmer months.

Requirements: Best in shade to semi shade and appreciates watering and reasonable soil. Suitable for gardens or containers.

***Plectranthus* 'Cape Angel Pink'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Hybrid of two South African species; small perennial shrub having dark green, scalloped leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 80 cm x 60 cm

Flowering: Upright spikes of rich pink flowers in the warmer months of the year.

Requirements: Well-drained humus-rich soil in part shade is best but tolerates most soils and growing conditions. Not frost tolerant. Prune to maintain shape.



***Plectranthus forsteri* 'Marginatus'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE GROUND COVER

Description: The variegated form of this small, mounding, freely-branching groundcover has scalloped green leaves with very attractive cream edging.

Height: 30 cm x 50 cm

Flowering: Small white to pale mauve flowers are produced through much of the year.

Requirements: Medium loam-based potting mix in containers; outdoors in moist, well-drained, fertile soil in part shade. Prune to maintain shape.

Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender'

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: A small perennial shrub having dark green, scalloped leaves with purple undersides and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 80 cm x 60 cm

Flowering: Upright spikes of purple-blue flowers in the warmer months of the year.

Requirements: Well-drained humus-rich soil in part shade is best but tolerates most soils and growing conditions. Not frost tolerant. Prune to maintain shape.



Podocarpus elatus

PODOCARPACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE TREE

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

Height: To 15 m

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.

Portulacaria afra

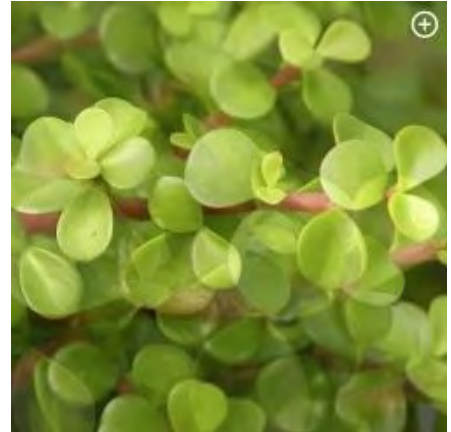
PORTULACACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Pork Bush, Elephant Bush. Large shrub or small tree from South Africa, with a thick trunk, fleshy reddish brown branches and small rounded succulent leaves. A fodder plant for native animals. Very popular for bonsai.

Height: To 4 m, but less in cultivation.

Flowering: Small mauve flowers.

Requirements: Drought tolerant. Moderately frost tolerant. Full sun or part shade. Free-draining soil. Water sparingly. Can be kept any size with pruning.



Posoqueria longiflora

RUBIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

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

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

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

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

Prostanthera cuneata

LAMIACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Alpine Mint Bush: Small compact shrub from the alpine/subalpine heaths of NSW, ACT, Vic., with rounded, aromatic leaves and attractive flowers.

Height: 90 cm

Flowering: In the warmer months of the year; clusters of white flowers marked with purple spots in the throat.

Requirements: Moist, well-drained soils in sun to semi-shade with regular watering. Frost-tolerant. Prune lightly to shape the bush. Bee attracting.



Rhaphidophora decursiva

ARACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: Creeping Philodendron, Shingle Plant. Hardy, vigorous, evergreen climber, climbing up trees to 10 m or more, by means of roots produced from the stem. Large, glossy pinnate leaves.

Flowering: Yellow spathe with white spadix in summer.

Requirements: Moist, well drained soil in shade or part shade. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent leaf burn. Water when about 2/3 of the soil is dry. Needs support such as trellis or pole.

Rhinacanthus beesianus

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: From south western China. Large, deeply-veined quilted leaves and unusual flowers are features of this attractive shrub.

Height: 2 m

Flowering: Groups of lightly fragrant pure white flowers with a three-lobed edge are produced in the warmer months.

Requirements: Best in full sun but will grow in part shade. Prune after flowering to maintain shape and then fertilise.



Rhipsalis baccifera

CACTACEAE EXOTIC SHADE CACTUS

Description: Mistletoe Cactus. A widespread complex species with a number of sub-species. It is a pendant, bushy epiphytic cactus which is widespread, occurring in Central and South America, Florida and the Caribbean. Fast-growing, pale green, cylindrical branches to 3 m long.

Flowering: White flowers are produced in the warmer months, followed by pale pinkish or white fruits.

Requirements: Normal cactus compost, in light shade. Minimum 10C. Best grown in baskets to prevent over-watering.

Rhodanthe chlorocephala* ssp. *rosea

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN ANNUAL

Description: Pink and White Everlastings, Paper Daisy. Small annual species from WA with green to greyish leaves to 4 cm long and flowers that are excellent for drying. Good in mass planting or as a border.

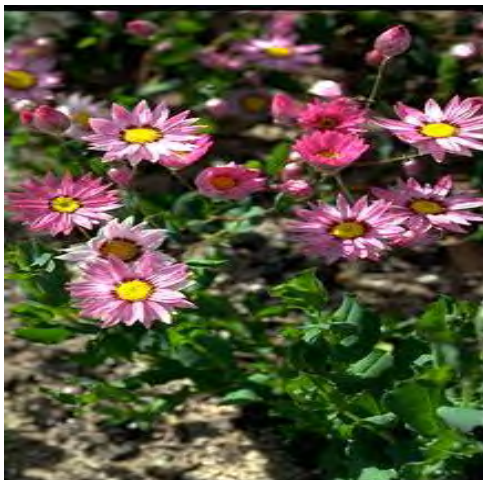
Height: To 0.4 m

Flowering: Papery, pink or white flower heads with yellow centres in late winter to late spring.

Requirements: Well-prepared but sandy soil in full sun.

Do not overwater.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Rhodanthe manglesii

ASTERACEAE NATIVE SUN ANNUAL

Description: Everlasting Daisy, Paper Daisy. Small annual species from WA with broad, stem-hugging, light green leaves and beautiful daisy flowers. Good in mass planting or border.

Height: To 50 cm

Flowering: Papery, pink or white daisy flowers with yellow centres in late winter to late spring.

Requirements: Best in well-prepared sandy or loamy soil in full sun. Do not overwater. Removing old flowers produces a further display.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Rhododendron ciliicalyx

ERICACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Native to western China, this shrubby Rhododendron with grey-green leaves and scaly bark is grown for its beautiful white flowers.

Height: 3 m

Flowering: Large, white, fragrant blooms with softly crinkled petals are produced in spring/summer.

Requirements: Loose, open, well-drained acidic soil with plenty of humus. Mulch well to retain moisture. Sun or light shade. Frost-hardy.



***Rhododendron* 'Fire Plum'**

ERICACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Hybrid Vireya rhododendron with bright green glossy evergreen leaves and very beautiful, tubular waxy flowers on a compact rounded bush.

Height: 1 - 1.5 m

Flowering: Spring, bunches of rich red bell-shaped flowers.

Requirements: Well-mulched, fertile acidic soil in dappled sun. Water and mulch regularly. Good container plant. Frost tender. Light pruning after flowering encourages more blooms.

Rhododendron lochiaie

ERICACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Native to mountainous regions of tropical North Queensland. Slow-growing, branching shrub with shiny, oval leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 1.2 m

Flowering: Spring and summer; brilliant red trumpet-like flowers carried in trusses of up to 6 blooms.

Requirements: Well-composted acid soil in a semi-shaded (morning sun) position. Suitable for pots. Frost-sensitive.



Rhododendron loranthiflorum

ERICACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Medium sized much branched Vireya type rhododendron from the Solomon Islands, Bougainville and New Britain.

Height: 1 – 1.5 m

Flowering: Spring/summer, clusters of 4 to 5 white tubular flowers each 2–3 cm long.

Requirements: Shaded site in well mulched, well-drained soil with high organic content and shelter from strong winds.

Rhododendron veitchianum

ERICACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Vireya Rhododendron. From Burma and Thailand, an upright, compact evergreen shrub with mid-green foliage.

Height: To 2.5 m

Flowering: Large, fragrant, white frilled flowers with a very pale yellow centre in mid to late spring.

Requirements: Well-drained, acid soil rich in humus in part shade. Mulch to protect shallow roots. Keep well-watered in summer.



***Rosa chinensis* 'Mutabilis'**

ROSACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Also known as the Butterfly Rose. Spectacular repeat blooming tall shrub rose.

Height: 2.4 m x 1.2 m

Flowering: Constantly produces cupped single 6 cm wide flowers of light yellow changing to copper-pink to deep pink; all colours on the bush at the same time

Requirements: Fertile well-drained soil. Feed in early spring and at 6–8 weekly intervals through spring and summer.

***Rosa chinensis* 'Ten Thousand Lights'**

ROSACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: An ancient rare rose from Western China, collected in 1991 and introduced to Australia by Paradise Plants. Very similar to *R.* 'Old Blush' but deeper in colour.

Height: To 2 m.

Flowering: Almost year round in Sydney – deep pink.

Requirements: Well drained, fertile soil with minimum of six hours sun. Regular watering during hot dry spells is crucial. Does well wherever roses will grow. Fertilise monthly, pruning encourages new growth and abundant blooms.



Rosmarinus officinalis

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Upright, hardy evergreen shrub, with erect woody stem and densely branching crown. Leaves leathery, dark green and fragrant.

Height: 1.5 m x 1.5 m

Flowering: Small pale blue or white flowers throughout autumn, winter and spring.

Requirements: Light, well drained soils in protected sunny position. Drought and frost resistant. Trim regularly to maintain shape.

***Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Prostratus'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN GROUND COVER

Description: *Rosmarinus officinalis* comes from the Mediterranean region. This variety, Creeping Rosemary, is an evergreen, ground cover perennial with aromatic, dark green, needle-like leaves and attractive flowers.

Height: To 30 cm

Flowering: Massed small, pale blue flowers in spring.

Requirements: Light, well-drained soil in full sun. Drought and frost hardy. Lightly prune to keep compact



Rothmannia globosa

RUBIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Spreading large shrub or small tree has beautifully fragrant flowers.

Height: 3.5 m

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 macrantha

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC

SUN/SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Bushy Brazilian shrub with pointed oval leaves and beautiful, large-lobed, tubular flowers.

Height: 1.5 – 2 m

Flowering: Large, rich purplish-pink, large-lobed flowers are produced from winter to early spring.

Requirements: Fertile, well-drained soil in sun to part shade. Prune to shape after flowering. Frost tender.



Ruellia makoyana

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Evergreen shrubby perennial with attractive velvety white-veined leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 60 cm

Flowering: Large, rich pink tubular flowers are produced in the warmer months.

Requirements: Fertile, well-drained soil in shade to part shade. Prune to shape after flowering. Suitable for understory planting or for containers. Frost tender.

***Saccharum officinarum* 'Atropurpureum'**

POACEAE EXOTIC SUN GRASS

Description: Purple Sugar Cane. Fast growing, clumping, cane-stemmed perennial grass with attractive purple bamboo-like canes and narrow, flat leaves with rough edges.

Height: 3 – 4 m.

Flowering: When mature, produces a silvery tassel at end of the cane stem.

Requirements: Full sun to partial shade in the ground or in large containers. Well drained fertile soil rich in organic matter. Water and fertilise regularly to support its rapid growth.



***Salvia* 'Black Knight'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Non-seeding hybrid, similar to *Salvia* 'Purple Majesty' which was produced at Huntington Botanic Gardens, has *S. guarantica* and *S. gesneriflora* '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 buchananii* 'Salmia Dark Purple'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Buchanan's Sage, Fuchsia Sage. Compact, clump forming, upright salvia with multiple stems and dark green shiny foliage. This variety has large purple flowers.

Height: 35 to 70 cm x 25 to 40 cm

Flowering: Some velvety purple flowers all year round with beautiful heavy blooming in the warmer months.

Requirements: Best in sun to part shade in good sandy loam. Water well in hot weather. Frost tender. Well suited to growing in pots and gardens.



***Salvia buchananii* 'Salmia Orange'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Buchanan's Sage, Fuchsia Sage. From Mexico, a compact, clump forming salvia with multiple stems and dark green shiny foliage. This variety has large orange flowers.

Height: 35 to 70 cm x 25 to 40 cm

Flowering: Some velvety orange flowers all year round with beautiful heavy blooming in the warmer months.

Requirements: Best in sun to part shade in good sandy loam. Water well in hot weather. Frost tender. Well suited to growing in pots and gardens.

***Salvia buchananii* 'Salmia Pink'**

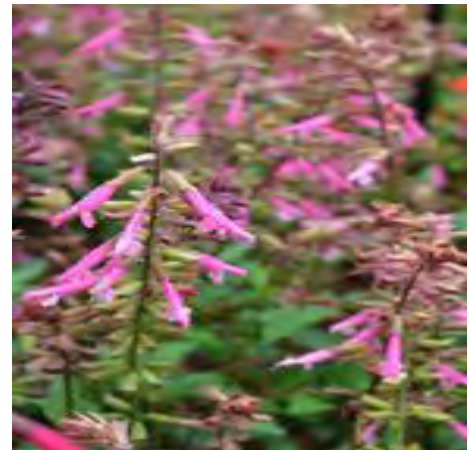
LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Buchanan's Sage, Fuchsia Sage. From Mexico, a compact, clump forming salvia with multiple stems and green shiny foliage. This variety has large pink flowers.

Height: 35 to 70 cm x 25 to 40 cm

Flowering: Some velvety, rich pink flowers all year round with beautiful heavy blooming in the warmer months.

Requirements: Best in sun to part shade in good sandy loam. Water well in hot weather. Frost tender. Well suited to growing in pots and gardens.



***Salvia coccinea* 'Brenthurst'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Brenthurst Sage. Low growing compact cultivar from South America. Triangular hairy green leaves with scalloped margins.

Height: 1 m x 0.5 m.

Flowering: Loose spikes of small salmon pink flowers summer and autumn. Deadhead faded flowers to ensure more blooms.

Requirements: Partial shade, rich moist well drained soil. Cut back after flowering. Bee and butterfly attracting. Drought tolerant, rebounds well.

***Salvia elegans* 'Golden Delicious'**

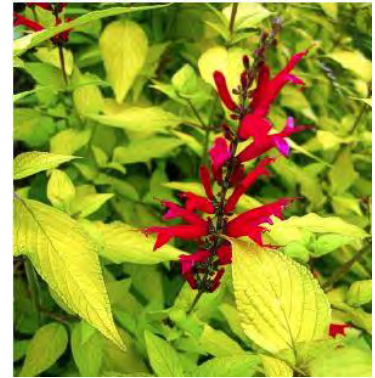
LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Golden Leaved Pineapple Sage. Open branched perennial from Mexico and Guatemala. In sun the foliage will be bright yellow. Leaves can be used to flavour drinks and sorbets. Flowers are edible.

Height: To 1.5 m.

Flowering: Spikes of red flowers in late Summer and Autumn.

Requirements: Full sun, part shade. Well drained light textured soils enriched with manure. Not frost and drought tolerant.



***Salvia* 'Costa Rican Blue'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Large, open habit long-flowering shrubby salvia. Leaves smell of aniseed when crushed.

Height: 2-2.5 m.

Flowering: Big, rich blue flowers with dark calyces. Flowers from late summer through to December.

Requirements: Best in rich soil in full sun but will flower in light shade. Fertilise in spring. Can be cut back, if needed, at any time of year. Prune hard in the non-flowering period from December to February. Bee and butterfly attracting.

Salvia leucantha

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: 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, in well drained light textured soil. Drought hardy once established. Low maintenance, needing only a light trim after flowering and a good cut back in winter.



***Salvia mexicana* 'Limelight'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: 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* 'Hot Lips'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Long-flowering, shrubby *Salvia* with aromatic, oval leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 1.3 m

Flowering: Large-lipped red and white flowers are produced prolifically in the warmer months. Attractive to birds and bees.

Requirements: Best in full sun in well drained humus-rich soil. Drought and frost hardy once established. Prune after flowering.



***Salvia* 'Mystic Spires'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: 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 produced freely from spring to autumn.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, preferably in full sun. Moderate water. Drought tolerant. Regular deadheading encourages continuous flowering. A hard prune in spring helps maintain a compact shape, Good for borders, beds and containers.

***Salvia officinalis* 'Icterina'**

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Golden Leaf Sage. Perennial culinary herb with aromatic, grey-green leaves splashed/edged with yellow.

Height: 60 cm

Flowering: Terminal spikes of blue-purple flowers in summer.

Requirements: Moist, well drained soil in full sun preferred. This drought-tolerant variety benefits from regular pruning to remain compact. Do not prune below growing leaves as the stems will not grow back. Frost hardy.



Salvia semiatrata

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: From Mexico, a showy plant with velvety olive green leaves and eye-catching flowers.

Height: To 1.5 m

Flowering: In autumn and occasionally at other times, flowers that are dark violet on the upper lip, dusky lavender with a dark violet blue blotch on the lower lip and magenta calyces.

Requirements: Sun, but will take some shade. Well-drained, loamy soil, deep watering at least once a week. Pinching and light pruning during the growing season to control its sprawl.

Santolina chamaecyparissus

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB/

Description: Evergreen, rounded, dense shrub with narrow, silvery, aromatic leaves divided into tiny segments.

Height: 0.35 m x 0.35 m

Flowering: Yellow button-like flowers in summer.

Requirements: Grow in full sun in well-drained soil. Water regularly to establish. Very drought tolerant. Tolerates frost but not constant high humidity. Cut back in spring.



Sarcochilus hartmannii

ORCHIDACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE ORCHID

Description: Native orchid develops dense clumps of many short stems. Fleshy leaves grow from a central stem.

Height: Stems 8–100 cm, leaves 5–20 cm long.

Flowering: Racemes, 6–25 cm long, bearing 5–25 flowers in spring. Flowers are 10–30 mm diameter, waxy white, often with red-maroon spots around the centre, scented.

Requirements: Light shade and good air movement. Likes humidity. Best in shallow pots in well-drained coarse mix or can be grown on rocks or slabs.

Saxifraga stolonifera

SAXIFRAGACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Mat-forming evergreen perennial with rounded, kidney shaped mid to dark green serrated leaves forms dense mounds of foliage.

Height: 0.3 m x 0.4 m

Flowering: Summer, tall loose stems of white flowers 40 cm long, spotted with red or yellow.

Requirements: Shallow rooted, requires free draining fertile soil in sun or part shade.



Scadoxus puniceus

AMARYLLIDACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE BULB

Description: Paint Brush Lily, Shaving Brush Lily. Spring flowering bulbous plant from South Africa, dormant in winter. Flower shoot appears before leaves emerge.

Height: To 45 cm.

Flowering: Dense umbellate of orange-red small flowers surrounded by red bracts, on spotted stems, followed by red berries.

Requirements: Plant in composted, well drained soil in a shady position. Do not move or disturb the bulb unnecessarily as flowering may be affected. Water regularly in summer and keep reasonably dry in winter.

Scaevola aemula

GOODENIACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUND COVER

Description: Fan Flower. Native to eastern and southern Australia. Spreading groundcover with bright green leaves and a showy flower display. Can be short lived (to 2 years). Excellent rockery, container and basket plant.

Height: Variable – upright to 0.4 m and to 2 m across.

Flowering: Massed, 5-petalled, pink or white flowers for much of the year.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun. Resists light frost. Cut back after flowering.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



***Scaevola aemula* 'Purple Fanfare'**

GOODENIACEAE NATIVE SUN GROUND COVER

Description: 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 0.5 m and 2 m across.

Flowering: Large, five-petalled, purple flowers for most of the year.

Requirements: Moderately fertile, humus-rich, moist but well-drained soil. Frost resistant. Cut back after flowering.

Schaueria calytricha

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Golden Plume; native to Brazil. Related to *Justicia*. Large green leaves and beautiful yellow flowers make this an attractive plant for the garden or containers.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Fluffy yellow spikes of tubular flowers are produced throughout the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained, fertile soil in semi shade. Water freely when in full growth, less in winter. Prune back after flowering to shape. Frost tender. Butterfly attracting.



Scutellaria ventenatii

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: From Colombia, this plant is easily grown and flowers for a long period.

Height: 0.5 m x 0.5 m.

Flowering: Deep crimson to magenta flowers in spring, summer and into autumn if regularly deadheaded.

Requirements: Any well drained soil, full sun or partial shade. Tolerant of fairly dry soils but does best with regular watering

Sedum burrito

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Donkey Tail or Burro's Tail: From southern Mexico to Honduras. Attractive, tough member of the stonecrops with rounded, fat, grey-green leaves on trailing stems.

Height: 10 cm with trailing stems to 1 m long.

Flowering: Small, pinkish flowers at the ends of the branches in spring/summer.

Requirements: Very well-drained soils in sun or part shade. Drought and salt tolerant. Suitable for hanging baskets, pots and rockeries. Frost tender.



Sedum 'Green Mound'

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC SUN SUCCULENT

Description: Low growing, compact, fleshy succulent plant with upright branches of round green leaves.

Spreads to make a wide clump.

Height: 10-20 cm

Flowering: Small, yellow, star-shaped flowers in spring/summer.

Requirements: Grows best in sun to part shade in well-drained soils. Drought and salt tolerant. Suitable for pots, rockeries, garden borders.

Sedum mexicanum 'Gold Mound'

CRASSULACEAE EXOTIC
SUN/SHADE GROUND COVER

Description: Mexican Stonecrop, but probably from Asia. Fast growing, fleshy succulent groundcover with small needle-like leaves. Spreads to make a wide clump.

Height: 10 – 25 cm

Flowering: Small yellow star shaped flowers spring/summer.

Requirements: Grows in sun or shade. Leaves are gold in sun, lime green in shade. Drought and salt tolerant.



Senecio cineraria syn. Jacobaea maritima

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Silver Ragwort: (syn. *Jacobaea maritima*); native to NW Africa. Attractive sub-shrub with beautiful, lobed, silvery-white coated grey-green leaves and bright flowers.

Height: To 90 cm

Flowering: Bunches of rich yellow daisy flowers grow at the ends of the branches in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Medium-hardy to frost, drought and wind. Tip pruning encourages bushiness.

Stachyurus praecox

STACHYURACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Spiketail. Deciduous shrub from East Asia with broadly lance-shaped leaves turning burgundy red in autumn.

Height: To 2.5 m x 3 m

Flowering: Stiffly pendulous racemes, 8 cm 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

PROTEACEACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: 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. Young plants can be used indoors.

Height: 10 m

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.

Stephanotis floribunda

syn. *Marsdenia floribunda*

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SUN CLIMBER

Description: Delightful evergreen climber from Madagascar, with long-lasting sweetly-scented flowers. Twining, sparsely branched lianas that can measure up to 6 m in length.

Height: 3 m–4 m

Flowering: Summer, creamy-white, waxy flowers.

Requirements: Fertile, compost-rich soil with the roots in shade. Feed fortnightly from spring to late summer, reduce watering in winter.



Strobilanthes cusia

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Chinese Rain Bell. Attractive bushy sub-shrub, very eye-catching, with soft weeping stems. Relatively fast grower.

Height: 1.5 m

Flowering: Masses of pink tubular flowers like little trumpets in summer through to autumn.

Requirements: Shaded area in well drained moist soil. Prune after flowering to encourage branching and more flowers. Protect from frost.

Strobilanthes dyeranus

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Persian Shield: Very eye-catching soft shrub from Burma grown for its beautifully coloured foliage (silvery-purple with prominent green veins).

Height: To 1 m.

Flowering: Spikes of tubular violet flowers, autumn to winter.

Requirements: Shade to semi shade best, in well-drained, moist and mulched soil. Regular fertilisation and occasional pruning encourages growth, Protect from frost.



Strobilanthes gossypinus

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Pewter Bush. Attractive rounded shrub with beautiful furry leaves; the gold hairs on new leaves age to silver-grey.

Height: 1.2 m

Flowering: Bunches of lilac flowers produced in winter.

Requirements: Best in dappled shade, in well-drained and mulched soil. Resists drought once well established. Suitable for seaside gardens. Protect from frost.

Stromanthe 'Superstar'

MARANTACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: From Brazil. Erect, clump-forming, rhizomatous perennial grown for its colourful foliage. Lance shaped leaves are irregularly variegated green and white on top, maroon beneath.

Height: 1.5 m

Flowering: Summer. Panicles of pinkish white flowers with red bracts and orange calyces.

Requirements: Mild, humid climate. Most, humus rich well-drained soil in light to moderate shade. Frost tender.



Succulent bowls

A decorative display of various succulents seen in the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. These are best kept in sunlight and make an excellent centre piece for your outside table.

The succulent selection changes on availability and may include varieties of *Echeveria*, *Gasteria*, *Senecio*, *Kalanchoe*, *Aloe* and *Crassula*. Water sparingly.

***Syngonium podophyllum* 'Pixie'**

ARACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE CLIMBER

Description: A fine, compact variety of *Syngonium podophyllum* which has smaller, beautifully-marked, arrow-shaped leaves, making it an appealing houseplant in a pot or basket.

Height: 30 cm x 60 cm

Requirements: Semi-shade (no direct sun, but needs good light for best leaf colour) in moist, humus-rich soil. Regular fertilisation during the growing season and occasional pruning. Frost tender.



Syzygium moorei

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Coolamon. From subtropical rainforest, a rare tree with large, glossy, dark green leaves, rough greyish bark and wonderful flowers.

Height: Over 20 m x 10 m in maturity

Flowering: Clusters of rich pink, fluffy flowers grow along the branches in summer and are followed by edible white fruit in autumn.

Requirements: Full sun to part shade in moist, well-drained, humus-rich soil. Can be grown in tropical, subtropical or temperate areas.

Syzygium wilsonii* ssp *wilsonii

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SHADE SHRUB

Description: Powder-Puff Lilly-Pilly. Very attractive shrub with weeping branches of shiny foliage. New growth is pinkish red.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Wine red flowers in spring and early summer, followed by white fruit.

Requirements: Shaded, sheltered position in well composted soil. Keep well mulched. Tip pruning will increase number of flowers. Bird attracting. Frost tender. Suitable for a container.



Photo: D. Greig: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Tabernaemontana cerifera

APOCYNACEAE EXOTIC SUN TREE

Description: Desirable small to medium tree with deep green glossy foliage and beautifully perfumed flowers. Makes a good informal hedge.

Height: Slow growing to 4 m or so

Flowering: Abundant white 'starry' flowers with a frilly edge.

Requirements: Well drained moist humus rich soil and plenty of water in summer. Allow to dry out between watering. Warm situation.

Tacca chantrieri

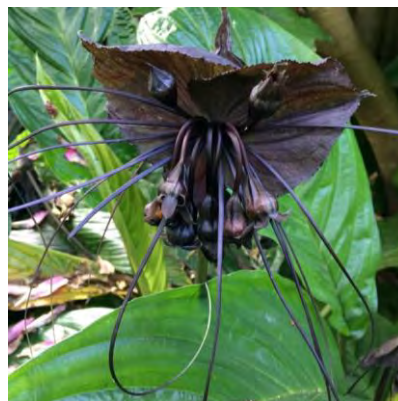
DIOSCOREACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Black Bat Flower. Shade and humidity loving rhizomatous perennial with large soft leaves.

Height: 0.8 – 1 m

Flowering: Dark-veined purple/black flower.

Requirements: Well-drained soil or potting mix rich in organic matter. Needs humidity and warmth in an environment with filtered sunlight. Water regularly in summer, allow to dry out in winter. Fertilise regularly during the growing season.



Tagetes lemmonii

ASTERACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Mountain Marigold. From Mexico, a spreading evergreen shrub with masses of small, golden, daisy-like flowers amid ferny foliage with strong marigold scent. Will help deter nematodes.

Height: 1.5 m x 3 m

Flowering: Autumn and winter.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun or part shade. Drought tolerant. Cut back lightly after flowering to promote second flowering. Cut back later to keep compact.

Tecomanthe hillii

BIGNONIACEAE NATIVE SUN CLIMBER

Description: Fraser Island Creeper. Evergreen woody creeper endemic to east Queensland with green pinnate leaves and wonderful flowers.

Height: To 10 m in full maturity if free to climb.

Flowering: Bunches of big, rich pink tubular flowers, paler pink inside the bell, in the warmer months.

Requirements: Moist, well-drained, humus-rich soil in sun to semi shade is best. Needs a sturdy support to grow to full size but can be readily shaped and managed by pruning. Good for gardens and containers.



Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Telopea speciosissima

PROTEACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE TREE

Description: The well known NSW Waratah. Evergreen shrub with spectacular red flower heads.

Height: 2–3 m

Flowering: Spring - early summer. Scarlet flowers held in large 10 - 15cm wide domed flower heads

Requirements: Well drained acid soil in full sun, well mulched. After flowering cut back by 1/3 to encourage branching and flower production.

Tetradena riparia

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Semi-deciduous South African shrub. Has massed clusters of fragrant flowers and aromatic leaves.

Height: 2.4 m x 1.5 m

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.



Tetratheca thymifolia

ELAEocarpaceae NATIVE SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Black-eyed Susan. Hardy rounded shrub with thyme-like leaves, suckering growth habit.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: From September to November but occasionally throughout the year, mauve star shaped flowers with black centre, spring and summer, a strong fragrance on hot days.

Requirements: Well-drained acidic soils in sunny or semi shaded aspect. Tolerates light frosts. Good for containers or rockeries.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

Teucrium fruticans

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: 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 – 3 m

Flowering: Spring/Summer, whorls of attractive pale blue tubular flowers borne in terminal racemes.

Requirements: Light well drained soil in full sun. Drought tolerant once established. Prune to maintain shape.



Teucrium marum

LAMIACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Cat Thyme. Bushy, evergreen shrub from the west Mediterranean with aromatic, greyish leaves. Low neat shrub which does well in seaside gardens.

Height: 0.5m

Flowering: Spring/summer. Attractive, bright pink tubular flowers are borne in terminal clusters.

Requirements: Light, well-drained soil in full sun. Drought-tolerant. Low maintenance, requiring only occasional pruning to maintain its shape and remove old growth.

Thomasia triphylla

MALVACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Coastal Thomasia. Native to WA. Small, branched, hairy-stemmed shrub with lobed, rough leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Groups of pendulous, mauve-pink flowers adorn the bush in spring.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun is best. Shelter from strong winds. Good for gardens, rockeries and containers.



Thryptomene denticulata

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN-SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: Low, spreading shrub with open arching habit and small crowded leaves to 3 mm. Fine specimen plant for rockery or shrub bed.

Height: 0.7 m x 1 m

Flowering: Bears deep pink flowers in winter and early spring.

Requirements: Reasonably good drainage, full sun or part shade and a good mulch. Drought tolerant once established. Prune after flowering to maintain shape.

Tibouchina heteromalla

MELASTOMATACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Small spreading shrub with many erect stems. Bright green velvety leaves, whitish green and very hairy beneath.

Height: 1.2 m x 0.9 m

Flowering: Summer to autumn, violet flowers in erect panicles at the ends of branches.

Requirements: Best in warm areas in light well-drained soil with high organic content. Full sun and plentiful water during summer. Protect from strong winds, prune after flowering.



Tibouchina 'Jules'

MELASTOMATACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Small spreading shrub, originating in Brazil, with bright green velvety leaves on erect stems and beautiful flowers.

Height: 1 m

Flowering: Summer to autumn, masses of violet flowers at the ends of the branches.

Requirements: Best in warm areas in well-drained soils with high organic content. Sun to part shade and plentiful water during summer. Protect from strong winds and frost. Prune after flowering.

***Tibouchina organensis* 'Blue Moon'**

MELASTOMATACEAE EXOTIC SUN SHRUB

Description: Spreading shrub with many erect stems bearing broadly-ovate, velvety green leaves and beautiful flowers.

Height: To 1.5 m

Flowering: Summer to autumn, light violet-blue flowers at the ends of branches.

Requirements: Best in warm areas in light well-drained soil with high organic content. Full sun and plentiful water during summer. Protect from strong winds and frost. Prune after flowering.



Tradescantia spathacea

COMMELINACEAE EXOTIC SUN PERENNIAL

Description: Syn. *Rhoeo discolor*. Moses in the Cradle. From Central America, an evergreen, clump-forming perennial with a short stem bearing a rosette of fleshy, lance-shaped leaves up to 30 cm long. Leaves are glossy green with purple undersides.

Height: 0.4 m x 0.3 - 0.4 m

Flowering: Tiny white flowers nestled between two boat-shaped purplish bracts in the centre of the rosette.

Requirements: Full sun or part shade in fertile, moist to dry soil. Drought tolerant. Good border plant or pot plant.

***Tradescantia zanonii* 'Mexican Flag'**

COMMELINACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Clump forming perennial with longitudinally white striped leaves and red margins on bamboo-like, erect, fleshy stems. Grown for its foliage.

Height: 1.5 m

Flowering: Summer to autumn, insignificant white flowers in axillary cymes.

Requirements: Moist, fertile soil in part shade. Liquid feed monthly.



Tricyrtis formosana

LILIACEAE EXOTIC SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Toad Lily. Rhizomatous perennial from Taiwan, spreading by stolons, with erect zig-zagging stems and mid-green ovate leaves to 12 cm.

Height: To 0.8 x 0.45 m

Flowering: Star-shaped pinkish-white flowers, spotted reddish-purple, in early autumn.

Requirements: Moist but well-drained soil in partial to full shade. Frost tolerant.

Veronica perfoliata

PLANTAGINACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Formerly *Derwentia perfoliata*. Erect herb or shrub with evergreen blue-green leathery leaves up to 5 cm long in opposite pairs in a graceful arching habit.

Height: 0.2 – 0.6 m x 0.2 – 0.4 m

Flowering: Graceful spikes of blue flowers, spring and summer.

Requirements: Most soil types and aspects, drought and frost tolerant. Cut back hard after flowering to produce another flush of flowers. Good for rockeries.



Verticordia plumosa* var. *grandiflora

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Plumed Featherflower: Native to south-west W A. Rounded shrub with crowded, linear, blue-green foliage and delicate flowers.

Height: 1 m approx.

Flowering: In spring the bush produces beautiful bunches of pink-centred, white-fringed, cup-shaped, scented blooms.

Requirements: Full sun to light shade and excellent drainage. Grows well in a built up bed.

***Viola* 'Baby Blue'**

VIOLACEAE NATIVE SHADE/PART SUN GROUNDCOVER

Description: Native Violet variety, syn. *Viola hederacea* 'Baby Blue'. Dainty, spreading, evergreen perennial with round to kidney-shaped leaves, forming mats to 50 cm wide, with beautiful little soft lilac-blue flowers.

Height: 5 to 15 cm

Flowering: Blue-violet flowers for most of the year.

Requirements: Likes damp and shady to part-sunny situations. A quickly-spreading groundcover, also good in pots and hanging baskets. Half hardy.

Photo: M. Fagg; www.anbg.gov.au/photo



Viola banksii

VIOLACEAE NATIVE SHADE/SUN GROUNDCOVER

Description: Native Violet. Creeping evergreen perennial with round to kidney-shaped leaves, forming mats to 1 m wide, with flowers carried on erect stems.

Height: 10 cm

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.

Photo: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

***Vriesea* 'White Rapids'**

BROMELIACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE BROMELIAD

Description: *Vriesea* is an epiphytic bromeliad from Brazil. This variety forms a rosette of recurved grey-green leaves with striking whitish markings all along the leaves, making it an attractive specimen plant even when not in flower.

Height: To 60 cm

Flowering: From the centre, a flower spike with beautiful flowers and bracts.

Requirements: Best in light shade. Free draining soil. Tolerates dry periods.



***Westringia glabra* 'Deep Purple'**

LAMIACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: A low maintenance *Westringia* variety. Small native shrub with bright flowers, good for landscaping.

Height: To 1 m x 1 m

Flowering: Masses of mauve-purple flowers at the ends of the branches in the warmer months and less the rest of the year.

Requirements: Well-drained soil in sun to part shade. A hardy plant; light frost-, salt- and drought-tolerant. Can be grown as a specimen or container plant or clipped for hedging.

***Westringia longifolia* 'Snow Flurry'**

LAMIACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: From the east coast of Australia. This variety is a dense shrub with longish, narrow, grey-green leaves and attractive flowers.

Height: To 3 m

Flowering: Bears white flowers in the leaf axils for most of the year.

Requirements: Sun to semi shade in well-drained soils. Salt and wind tolerant, useful for coastal planting. Prune to desired shape; suitable for hedging.



Whitfieldia elongata

ACANTHACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE SHRUB

Description: White Candles: Handsome evergreen shrub from tropical Africa with attractive leaves and dense erect spikes of flowers.

Height: 1.5 m x 0.75 m

Flowering: Summer/autumn. Massed thick spikes of white flowers.

Requirements: Fertile, moist, well-drained soil in part shade. Water freely when in full growth, less in winter. Prune hard in early spring to encourage branching. Frost tender. Suitable for containers.

Wollemia nobilis

ARAUCARIACEAE NATIVE SEMI SHADE TREE

Description: Critically endangered, rare coniferous tree of ancient origin. Tends to form multiple trunks. Characteristic dark brown knobby bark on mature trunks. New growth is bright green. Narrow flat crowded leaves; separate male and female cones on different branches.

Height: To 40 m in maturity

Requirements: Moist but well-drained soil in a protected (from hot sun and wind) situation. Extra water in the growing season is beneficial. Frost hardy.



Xanthostemon chrysanthus

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN TREE

Description: Golden Penda. Beautiful rainforest tree from coastal North Queensland with shiny dark green leaves and reddish new growth.

Height: 12 m x 10 m in cultivation. May be kept as a large shrub if pruned annually.

Flowering: Clusters of bright yellow flowers with long stamens near the branch ends in summer and autumn.

Requirements: Well drained soil, plentiful water. Best flowering in warm conditions but will grow in subtropical climates.

Xanthostemon verticillatus

MYRTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Little Penda: Beautiful, slow-growing, large shrub/small tree from tropical North Qld. rainforests with narrow dark green leaves and showy flowers.

Height: To 5 m in maturity

Flowering: Clusters of fragrant, creamy-white flowers with long stamens are produced at the branch ends in the warmer months.

Requirements: Well-drained soil, plentiful water, sun to part shade. Warm conditions for best flowering but will grow in subtropical climates. May be pruned to shape in containers.



Zieria littoralis

RUTACEAE NATIVE SUN SHRUB

Description: Dwarf zieria. Low, spreading shrub occurring in low heath on exposed rocky coastal headlands south from the Tathra district in NSW. It has velvety three part leaves.

Height: To 1 m

Flowering: Winter to early spring, tiny pink and white flowers in clusters of up to thirty.

Requirements: Coastal species, needs well-drained soil in full sun.

Photo: M. Fagg: www.anbg.gov.au/photo

***Zingiber spectabile* 'Malaysian Yellow Beehive'**

ZINGIBERACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Beehive Ginger: Native to coastal SE Asia. Grows as a clump with long, pointed leaves and unusual flowers. Tropical plant which dies back in winter.

Height: 1.5 m – 2 m

Flowering: In the warmer months, separate stems carry bright yellow bracts (which darken with age) in a pine cone shape.

Requirements: Fertile, moist, well-drained soil. Part sun to bright filtered light.



Zingiber spectabile

ZINGIBERACEAE EXOTIC SEMI SHADE PERENNIAL

Description: Beehive Ginger: Native to coastal SE Asia. Grows as a clump with long, pointed leaves and unusual flowers. Tropical plant which dies back in winter.

Height: 1.5 m-2 m

Flowering: In the warmer months, separate stems carry reddish bracts in a pinecone shape with small, whitish flowers.

Requirements: Fertile, moist, well-drained soil. Part sun to bright filtered light.