

# Botanic Gardens of Sydney

## Best Performing Plants 2025



*Hibbertia  
scandens*  
'Groundswell'



Groundswell is more compact and tidy than the common form of *Hibbertia scandens*. It forms a dense groundcover suitable to most soil types and climates and its compact form makes it an effective weed suppressant. This plant is very low-maintenance and consistently looks healthy and tidy. We give it a small prune to keep it compact and stop it trailing too far. Full sun or part shade.



*Dianthus  
barbatus* 'Red  
and White  
Picotee'



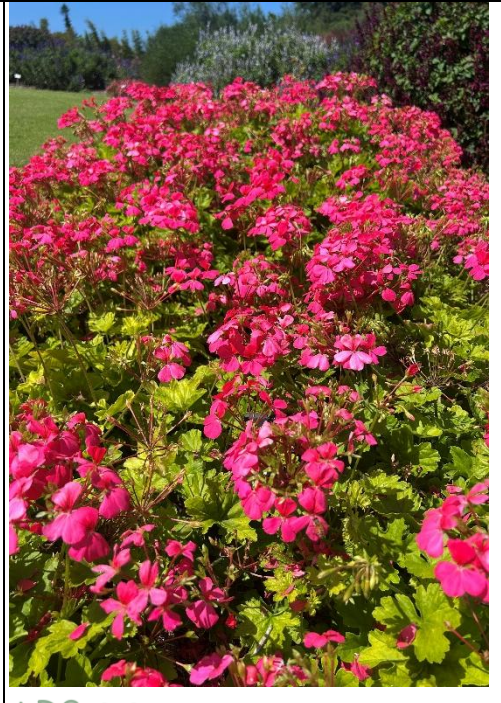
This *Dianthus* features vivid red blooms edged in crisp white for a classic picotee look. Compact and colourful, it adds cheerful charm to borders, pots, or dotted amongst the garden. Its long-lasting blooms make it a standout in any summer display.



*Dianella* spp  
'DIAN04' PBR  
Summer  
Rev™



*Dianella* 'Summer Rev' has stunning blue foliage. Reaching a height of about 50-60cm it's perfect for borders, mass plantings or as a feature plant. Full sun to partial shade. It is not suitable in areas with high humidity, however it performed well in Sydney. Truly striking plant.



Natura Creative  
*Pelargonium* spp  
'Candy Queen'

Candy Queen is a heat and drought-tolerant interspecific hybrid that produces bright candy-pink flowers against vibrant green foliage. Ideal for hanging baskets, pots, and garden beds, it offers repeat blooms, is low maintenance, and provides year-round flowering. Growing to about 30 × 40 cm, it thrives in full sun to part shade and requires little water once established.



*Pittosporum tobira*  
'Green Dome'



Bright, green and glossy this shrub grows about 1.8m high and wide. It's excellent for hedging or bringing life to those tricky spots and it requires minimal maintenance. *Pittosporum* Green Dome is remarkably tough, tolerating sun, heat, frost, drought, wind and a range of soil types.



*Plectranthus ciliatus*  
'Flora Mound'



'Flora Mound' *Plectranthus* is a tough, eye-catching ground cover. It has masses of vibrant purple and white flowers in autumn. Low maintenance, adaptable and perfect in shade. It grows about 20-40 cm high and about a 1m wide. We planted 6 about 50cm apart in a semi-shade position, it becomes a dense ground cover with a beautiful flower display and suppressing weeds at the same time!



*Lomandra longifolia*  
'Lady Tanika'



A very tough native grass, it can grow just about anywhere and has beautiful, fine green leaves. It thrives in full sun to moderate shade and grows to around 40-50cm high and 60-75cm wide. Perfect for a mass plant in troublesome spots or as a feature grass amongst a flower display. We love native grasses!



Kangaroo Paw  
*Anigozanthos hybr*  
'Bush Sunburst'



This Kangaroo Paw couldn't be brighter. Incredibly eye-catching flower display seemed to go on forever, making it a perfect feature if you're looking for something vibrant in your landscape. Be sure to remove the spent flowers to keep it looking tidy and encourage fresh growth. You can never have enough natives in the garden.





***Geranium hybrid x wallichianum***  
**'Rozanne'**

Geranium Rozanne is a much-loved perennial famous for its incredibly long flowering season and vibrant violet-blue blooms with soft, rosy centres. Easy-going and hardy, it spreads gently to form a lush mound of foliage that turns reddish in autumn. Perfect for borders, cottage gardens, and containers, 'Rozanne' is low-maintenance, attracts pollinators, and thrives in sun or part shade



***Prunella grandiflora***  
**'Purple Loveliness'**

A top performer of 2025, this compact perennial groundcover stands out for its rich purple blooms that continue for months. It's easy to grow, loved by pollinators and stays neat and tidy in the garden. It seems to tolerate any area of the garden from sun to shade, dry to wet.



***Heliopsis helianthoides***  
**'Funky Spinner'**



A beautiful herbaceous perennial with dark green almost black foliage. The flowers of 'Funky Spinner' are truly eye-catching with golden-yellow petals tipped and streaked with bold red centres. Flowers are plenty from late summer to autumn. Growing approx. 75cm high and 60cm wide, grows in full sun.



***Prostanthera incisa***  
**Native Thyme**

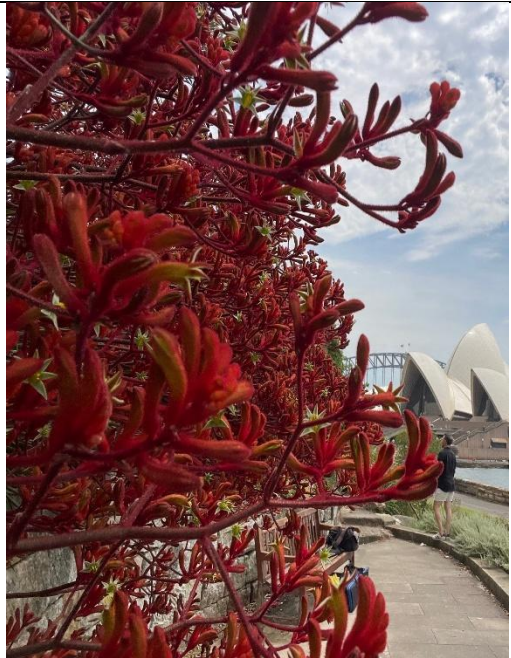
A fast growing shrub reaching 2m tall and wide. It's great for gaps, hedges, screens or even as a feature. It has a strong aroma of mint with hints of pepper and earthy tones. Full sun or part shade. A fantastic edible native.



***Stokesia laveis***  
**'Mega Mels'**



Stokesia 'Mel's Blue' is a hardy, low-maintenance perennial with soft, dark green rosettes of foliage and large fringed violet-blue flowers that bloom through summer and autumn. Growing to 60 cm tall and 45 cm wide, it thrives in full sun, heat, humidity, coastal conditions, and is also frost hardy. Very striking flower that should be deadheaded to encourage repeat blooming. Becomes dormant in winter.



***Anigozanthos spp***  
**'Landscape Scarlet'**

A beautiful native perennial that absolutely popped at the native rocky this year. Its flowers stand tall, reaching up to 2 metres, with long flowering period. It performs well in full sun and well-drained soils. After flowering, we cut it back to the ground, foliage included, and it comes back every year in full bloom without black spot. Be sure to give it a native fertiliser once a year.



 **Natura Creative**  
***Limonium perezii x Limonium sinuatum***  
**SINZEE series**

There didn't seem to be a time where this Limonium wasn't in full flower. Huge impact and volume of flower per plant. The flowers last for weeks. Typically reaching about 50cm high and 40cm across. Even the flower stems are a unique shape and a vibrant green.



***Mandevilla hybrid***  
**'Burgundy'**



Fabulous feature plant with burgundy trumpet shaped flowers against glossy green foliage. This Mandevilla is slightly more shrub like but will climb if supported. Lots of healthy blooms from Spring to Autumn. It would look lovely in a hanging basket or trailing throughout a garden bed. Position in full sun