# City of Bayswater

# Local Native Plants Guide





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# Why grow local plants?

It's important to understand why it's better to plant local plants before you embark on planting your dream garden.

The planting of exotic plants in your garden can lead to a variety of problems. Firstly, they require more water which is increasingly a concern in Australia. Secondly they require more fertiliser which enters groundwater and street drainage, contributing to toxic algal blooms in the Swan River and wetlands.

They can also become environmental weeds as they can spread into native bushland and compete with our native species. Native plants unlike non-natives occur in local bushlands around Bayswater and so rarely become a problem.

Native gardens use less water, need less fertilisers and don't invade other areas of bushland. Not only will you have a colourful garden all year round but you'll lessen your water bill and feel good about doing something for the environment.

Many of our native plants also provide food and habitat for native birds, insects, butterflies and frogs while providing vegetation islands for these animals to rest.

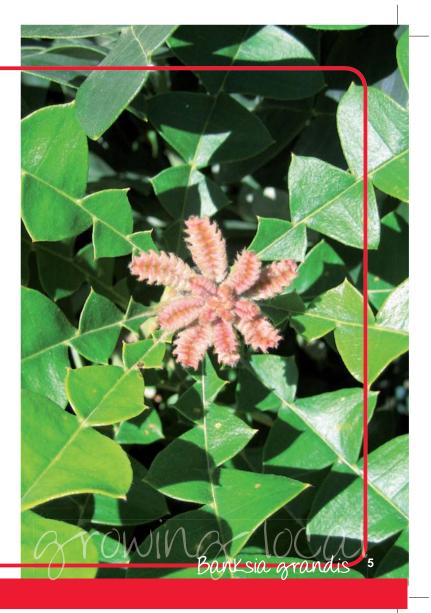
So not only do local, native plants stop environmental degradation but they also increase biodiversity in your suburb!

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# Where to begin

Here are some handy tips to think about when designing your garden:

- O try drawing the colours you want on graph paper to give you a good idea of the colours and types of plants you want, where you want to plant them and how the result may look;
- O rid yourself of weeds before you plant and mulch. Try not to plant larger plants near fences and walls, because they can be damaged as the plants grow larger;
- most plants now come in different forms, so remember to ask about dwarf and groundcover varieties of your favourite plants to better fit your garden;
- O for all year round colour, select plants that flower in different seasons. Ask your nursery for plants with different coloured foliage, such as *Agonis flexuosa* 'Burgundy' which has deep red leaves, to bring more colour to your garden; and
- O don't be afraid to be creative, mix up species, colours and sizes in differing numbers for a natural yet effective look.



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# Plant selection and planting out

These tips will help you in selecting the types of plants you would like in your garden:

- Ogo for smaller plants in larger pots as they won't be root bound and more likely to survive when you put them in the ground. If you're looking for a more instant effect buy more mature plants;
- oread the label on the plants as they tell you how much water and sunlight it will need as well as how big it will grow;
- take advantage of the winter rains and plant in April through August. Plants will get plenty of water and have time to establish before the spring growing season and survive the summer; and

# Planting your local plants

Consider the following when planting your native plants:

- set out your plants in their pots where you want them to be, keep shuffling them until you have the look you desire.
- ogive the plant, the hole and the soil around it, a good water before planting. Try adding a wetting agent to improve water retention, and a little bit of low phosphorus fertiliser;
- O dig a hole that is a bit larger than the pot. Take the plant from its pot and gently loosen the roots before placing it in the middle of the hole and carefully fill in with soil;
- Ogently but firmly pat the soil around the plant concentrating on the area around the stem. The plant should be slightly lower than the surrounding soil, forming a small depression around its stem so the water is directed towards the roots.
- of finish off with a 5 cm deep and 20 cm wide layer of mulch around the plant base (try not to have the mulch too close to the stem because it can encourage rotting).

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# List of specialist nurseries that sell local plants

Here are a number of nurseries where you will be able to buy the plants you need. The City of Bayswater doesn't necessarily endorse these nurseries, and alternatives are available in the phone book.

Nursery	Street	Suburb	Phone	Fax
APACE Nursery	1 Johanna Street	North Fremantle	9336 1262	9430 5729
Australian Native Nursery Group	141 King Road	Oakford	9525 1324	9525 4703
Boola Wongin Nursery	619 Armadale Road	Forestdale	9397 0160	9397 1430
Carramar Coastal Nursery	Lot 5 Mandurah Road	Secret Harbor	9524 1227	9524 1777
Environment House	61 Eighth Avenue	Maylands	9271 4488	9271 9005
Lullfitz Nursery	Caporn Street	Wanneroo	9405 1607	9306 2933
Men Of The Trees	Corner Amherst Road/ Stirling Crescent	Hazelmere	9250 1888	9250 2735
Muchea Tree Farm	Lot 214 Archibald Street	Muchea	9571 4090	9571 4297
Native Flora Technologies	30 Malvern Street	West Swan	9250 3491	9250 3491
			9377 0444	
Zanthorrea Nursery	155 Watsonia Road	Maida vale	9454 6260	9454 4540

Also check out www.bayswater.wa.gov.au for more native nurseries



# watering

# Watering When to water

Choosing local plants reduces water wastage.

It's a great idea to use local plants because they are suited to Perth's climate and require little summer watering. While they are establishing however they will require some watering. This is also true during extended dry periods at any time of year.

Water a couple of times a week in the first week of planting. Keep this up during the summer months for the first year to give your plants a kick start. More established plants won't need much water, but if they start to look stressed or if a heat wave hits, a 'one off' on your designated watering day will be enough to see them through.

The best time to water would be in the morning, but be sure not to over water as this could lead to rotting, diseases and shallow root growth, as well as the encouragement of weeds. If water repellence occurs, you may need to apply a wetting agent.

## What irrigation to use

It's important to choose the correct irrigation methods to get the maximum benefit from your garden.

Methods where the water is directed straight towards the roots are best, like adjustable dripper or trickle systems and subsurface irrigation. For plants with a high water demand, simply use a high flow rate dripper.

Another option is to use grey water from the everyday running of your household. Grey water is waste water from your household such as the shower and laundry.

Wherever this system is used it's important the grey water is disposed of below the ground and a licence is obtained from your local Council's Health Section so is doesn't cause a health hazard. For more information contact the City of Bayswater Environmental Health Section on 9272 0648.

Isopogon dubius

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# **Pruning**

#### When to prune

Your best time to prune is in late spring or early summer.

Pruning in winter or mid summer should be avoided because this can lead to extensive die back in your plants. Young plants should be pruned lightly and regularly while older plants can handle more extensive pruning and love a good trim.

#### How to prune

After the plant has finished flowering, cut the stems just behind the seed pod to prune new season growth. For old wood just prune the centre of the plant and leave the younger growth on the outsides.

## Tips for pruning:

- out off the whole branch cleanly at the joint leaving a flat edge;
- oremove low branches to make weeding easier; and
- O the softer wooded plants aren't as tough as the hardier woody plants, so they should only be pruned lightly.

# **Hot Tip!**

# **Tough love**

To help prevent black ink disease, be brutal and cut back Kangaroo Paws after flowering each year. They'll thank you for it in the long run!



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# Mulch

## Why mulch?

Adding suitable mulch to your garden after planting not only helps the soil to retain moisture and keep your plants cooler, but it also reduces the number of weeds in your garden and therefore the amount of weeding you have to do. The best mulches are a mixture of different plant materials of different sizes.

#### What makes a good mulch?

The best mulch is the one that if you walk on it without shoes, it hurts your feet. Coarse material is best, like the natural leaf litter from your garden.

#### When to mulch?

All mulches break down over time so you will need to replace it every spring or early summer.

#### How much mulch?

To aid water retention, create a circular depression around the plant in a 10 cm thick layer of suitable mulch.

#### What to avoid?

Applying mulch too close to the plant stem can encourage disease and rotting. Not a desirable outcome!

Mulches made from exotic species and soft leaved plants can degrade too quickly and release nutrients into the soil too fast for WA plants.

Some commercial mulches are higher in nitrogen and phosphorus and not suitable for local WA plants. They are usually already composted and are more a soil conditioner rather than a mulch. Look for native plant or low phosphorus fertilisers.



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# **Fertilisers**

Native plants evolved to the low nutrient levels in most of Bayswater's soils. This is why exotic plants need heaps more fertilisers than natives.

Native plants can't handle traditional fertilisers because they don't like high nutrient levels, in particular, phosphorus.

To keep your garden looking stunning, add a little native fertiliser and follow the instructions on the bag. Remember excess nutrients are a waste and only cause algal blooms in our waterways.

#### When to apply fertiliser

The best option is to apply the fertilisers to the bottom of the hole when planting. Only apply fertiliser during the growing season and over the root zone when the plant shows signs of nutrient deficiencies.

# **Hot Tip!**

## Not all bugs are bad

For a more organic solution try seaweed fertiliser or fish emulsion to encourage more healthy microbial activity in your soil. It will also help your plants to grow and fight off diseases.



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# Local Plant List (Coastal & Eastern)

<b>Botanical Name</b>	Common/Nyoongar Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	<b>Flower Time</b>
Trees & Small Trees Allocasuarina fraseriana Banksia attenuata Banksia grandis Banksia ilicifolia Banksia littoralis Banksia menziesii Banksia prionotes Eucalyptus ficifolia Eucalyptus lane-poolei Eucalyptus rudis Eucalyptus todtiana Nuytsia floribunda Paraserianthes lophantha Xylomelum occidentale	Sheoak/Kondil Candle Banksia/Piara Bull Banksia/Pulgaria Holly-leaf Banksia Swamp Banksia Firewood Banksia Acorn Banksia Red Flowering Gum Salmon White Gum Flooded Gum Coastal Blackbutt/Prickly Bark Christmas Tree Albizia Woody Pear	15 5 to 8 10 10 10 10 10 8 12 to 15 to 20 9 to 16 to 10 10 to 8	Brown Yellow Yellow Red & cream Pale yellow Red & silver Bright orange Red Creamy-white Creamy-white Creamy-white Bright orange Greenish-yellow White	May - Oct Sep - Oct Sep - Dec Mar - Jan March - Aug Feb - Aug March - May Dec - May Jan - Sep Aug Feb Oct - Jan Aug - Feb Dec - Feb
Shrubs (3 to 5m) Acacia rostellifera Acacia saligna Actinostrobis pyramidalis Adenanthos cygnorum Conospermum triplinervium Hakea bucculenta Hakea prostrata Hakea victoria Oxylobium lineare	Summer-scented Wattle Kudjong Swamp Cypress Common Woollybush Tree Smokebush Red Pokers Harsh Hakea Royal Hakea River Pea	2 to 5 5 3 2 to 4 5 5 3 3 3	Yellow Yellow Brown Red Grey Red White White Red, Yellow	Aug - Oct Aug - Oct Aug - Nov Sep - Feb Aug - Nov Aug - Sept Aug - Nov Jun - Jul Sep - Jan
Shrubs (1 to 3m) Acacia dentifera Acacia pulchella Adenanthos obovatus	Prickly Moses Basket Flower	3 2 2	Golden Yellow Scarlet, Orange	Aug - Nov Jun - Oct Aug - Nov

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<b>Botanical Name</b>	Common/Nyoongar Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Flower Time
Beaufortia squarrosa Calothamnus quadrifidus Calothamnus sanguineus Conospermum incurvum Dampiera teres Darwinia citriodora Dryandra armata Eremaea pauciflora Eremaea purpurea Grevillia obtusifolia Hakea lissocarpha Hakea ruscifolia Lambertia multiflora Macrozamia riedlei Melaleuca acerosa Melaleuca conothamnoides Melaleuca radula Persoonia saccata Xanthorhoea preissii	Sandplains Brush Myrtle/Puno One sided Bottle Brush/Kwowdja Silky-leaved Blood Flower/Pin-da Plume Smokebush Terete-leaved Dampiera Lemon Scented Myrtle Prickly Dryandra Orange-flowered Eremaea Purple-flowered Eremaea Honey Bush Candle Hakea Many-flowered Honeysuckle Zamia Palm/Djiridji Coast Honey Myrtle Thread-leaf Snottygobble Grasstree/Palga	2 ard 1 to 2	Red Red Blood Red White-grey Blue Yellow, Red Yellow Orange Pink-purple Red White-yellow, Pink White Yellow Red Cream Pink-purple Pink, Mauve Yellow White	Jan - Apr Aug - Dec Mar - Oct Jul - Nov Aug - Nov Jul - Dec Jun - Nov Sep - Dec Oct - Feb Sep - Oct Jun - Sep Dec - Mar Jun - Dec Sep - Oct Sep - Oct Sep - Dec Apr - Jan/Sep - Nov Jul - Jan Nov - Jan
Shrubs (Less than 1m) Acacia lasiocarpa Acacia preissiana Acacia stenoptera Acacia willdenowiana Actinostrobus acuminatus Andersonia lehmanniana Baeckea camphorosmae Beaufortia elegans Beaufortia purpurea Boronia crenulata	Dune Moses/Panjang  Narrow-winged Wattle Grass Wattle Dwarf Cypress  Camphor Myrtle  Aniseed Boronia	0.5 to 1 0.05 to 0.35 0.3 to 1 0.3 to 0.6 0.3 to 0.75 0.15 to 0.6 1 1	Yellow Yellow Creamy-yellow White, Yellow Brown White, Pink-purple White, Pink Purple, Pink Purple Pale Red	Jun - Aug Dec - Jan May - Sep Jun - Oct Oct - Dec May - Sep May - Feb Nov - Feb Oct - Jan Aug - Oct

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# Local Plant List (Coastal & Eastern) cont.

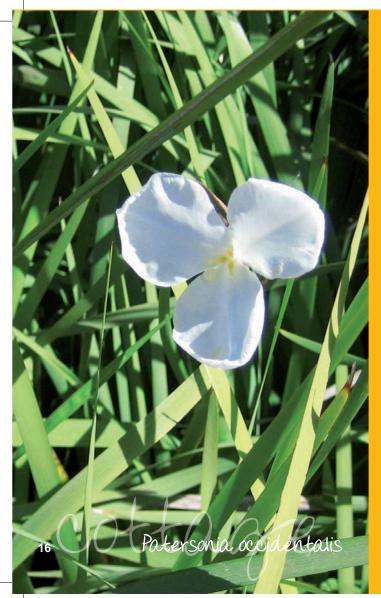
<b>Botanical Name</b>	Common/Nyoongar Name	Height (m)	Flower Colour	Flower Time
Bossiaea eriocarpa	Common Brown Pea	0.2 to 1	Brown & Yellow	Jul - Oct
Calytrix flavescens	Summer Starflower	0.3 to 0.8	Yellow	Nov - Jan
Calytrix fraseri	Pink Summer Calytrix	0.6 to 1	Pink, Purple	All Year
Chorizema dicksonii	Yellow-eyed Flame-pea	1	Orange-red & Yellow	Aug - Oct
Chorizema ilicifolium	Holly flame pea	0.75	Red & Yellow	Jul - Aug
Dampiera linearis	Common Dampiera	0.15 to 0.6	Indigo	Jul - Nov
Darwinia citriodora	Lemon Scented Myrtle	2	Yellow, Red	Jul - Dec
Dryandra lindleyana	Couch Honeypot/Pudjaun	Low	Gold	May - Sep
Eremophila glabra	Tarbush	0.5 to 1	Orange	Mar - Dec
Gompholobium tomentosum	Hairy Yellow Pea	0.3 to 1	Yellow	Aug - Dec
Grevillea bipinnatifida	Fuchsia Grevillea	0.3 to 1	Dull Red-Orange, Red	
Grevillea pressii	Sea Spray	to 1m	Red	Jun - Sep
Grevillea thelmanniana	Spider-net Grevillea	0.4 to 1	Red	May - Sep
Grevillea wilsonsii	Wilson's Grevillea	0.5 to 1	Bright Red	May - Nov
Hakea myrtoides	Myrtle Hakea	1	Dark Pink	Jul - Aug
Hibbertia hypericoides	Buttercups	0.75	Brilliant yellow	May - Oct
Hibbertia racemosa	Stalked Guinea-flower	0.1 to 0.75	Yellow	Jul - Nov
Hovea pungens	Devil's Pins/Puyenak	2	Purple	Jun - Nov
Hovea trisperma	Common Hovea	0.1 to 0.7	Purple	Jun - Sep
Hypocalymma angustifolium	Coconut Ice	0.75	White or pink-tinged	Jul - Oct
Hypocalymma robustum	Swan River Myrtle	1	Pale Deep-pink	Jul - Oct
Isopogon dubius	Rose Conebrush	1	Pink	Jul - Oct
Isotropis cuneifolia	Granny's Bonnets	0.05 to 0.3	Yellow & Red	Aug - Oct
Jacksonia sericea	Waldjumi	0.6	Orange	Dec - Feb
Labichea punctata	Lance-leaved Cassia	1	Yellow	Jul - Oct
Melaleuca scabra	Rough Honey-myrtle	1	Pink-purple	Sep - Dec
Melaleuca trichophylla		0.15 to 1	Pink-purple	Nov - Jan
Petrophile linearis	Pixie-mops	0.2 to 1	Pink, mauve	Sep - Nov
Petrophile macrostachya	"	1	Yellow	Aug - Nov
Pimelea rosea	Rose Banjine	1	Pale Deep-pink	Aug - Nov

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Botanical Name  Pimelea sulphurea Scaevola calliptera Sphaerolobium medium Verticordia densiflora Verticordia huegalii Verticordia plumosa	Common/Nyoongar Name Yellow Banjine  Bushy Featherflower Variegated Featherflower Plumed Featherflower	Height (m) 0.15 to 0.7 0.1 to 0.4 0.1 to 0.6 1 0.6 1	Flower Colour Yellow Blue Yellow-Orange-Red Pink, White Cream, Yellow Pink	Flower Time Oct - Nov Sep - Jan Aug - Nov Nov - Jan Aug - Oct Sep - Dec
Perennial Herbs Anigozanthos humilis Anigozanthos manglesii Anigozanthos midis Anigozanthos viridis Austrostipa flavescens Austrostipa semibarbata Chamaescilla corymbosa Conostylis aculeata Conostylis candicans Conostylis setigera Dianella revoluta Neurachne alopecuriodes Orthrosathus laxus Patersonia occidentalis	Catspaw Kangaroo Paw/Kurulbrang Green Kangaroo Paw Tall Speargrass Bearded Speargrass Blue Squill Grey Cottonheads Spiny Cottonheads Bristly Cottonheads Blueberry Lilly/Native flax Foxtail Mulga-grass Morning Iris Purple Flag/Kom-ma	0.1 to 1 1 0.2 to 1.2 0.3 to 0.1 0.05 to 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 1 1 0.15 to 0.55 0.5 to 0.8	Orange Red & Green Green Silver White hairy Pink Yellow Yellow Yellow Purple Grey Blue Purple	Aug - Oct Sep - Nov Sep - Nov Sep - Oct Aug - Nov Aug - Sep Sep - Nov Sep - Oct Sep - Jan Aug - Nov Aug - Nov Sep - Oct
Climbers & Groundcovers Hardenbergia comptoniana Hemiandra pungens Kennedia coccinea Kennedia nigricans Kennedia prostrata Pronaya fraseri Sollya heterophylla	Native Wisteria Snakebush Coral Vine Black Coral Pea Running Postman Pronaya Australian Bluebell	Climber Climber Climber Climber Low Climber Low & climber	Purple Mauve Red-yellow Black & Yellow Red Pale Mauve Sky Blue	Jun - Sep All Year Jul - Nov Jul - Nov Aug - Nov Dec - Feb Oct - Feb

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# **Cottage garden**

Everyone loves that 'cottage garden' look.

A cottage garden is a mixture of fast growing native annuals and herbaceous perennials, with winding pathways and peaceful alcoves.

Follow these few simple guidelines to ensure successful cottage garden planting:

- O your garden beds should not be formally structured, mix it up a little and plant randomly. Remember if it isn't the look you desire, you can always move them around;
- self seeding plants will mean your garden will develop without continual planting;
- scented plants will give a lingering fragrance over the garden and add to the effect:
- create focal points by placing different colour foliaged plants around benched, arches and statues;
- O cottage gardens are all about the blooms, so replace some lawn with garden beds;
- cover unattractive sights such as old sheds and boring walls with climber covered lattice and if you're feeling adventurous run a climber up your arches; and
- o arches, arbors, lattice, picket fences, rustic ornaments, garden furniture, pots, statues and ornaments will all look at home in your cottage garden.

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# Cottage garden plant list

Try the below plants to achieve that 'cottage' look.







Coastal Jugflower

Kalbarri carpet

Snakebush

Little Penta

Patersonia occidentalis Leschenaultia biloba Anigozanthos manglesii

Tree	Common name	Little strappy plants
Eucalyptus ficifolia	Red flowering gum	Anigozanthos manglesii
Eucalyptus victrix		Conostylis candicans
Shrub Acacia lasiocarpus	Dune Moses	Orthrosanthus laxus/multiflorus
Eremea purpurea/elegans	3	Climber
Eremophila calorhabdos	Red rod	Hardenbergia comptoniana
Pimelea ferruginea		C
Small shrub		Groundcover
Dryandra nivea	Honeypot Dryandra	Adenanthos cuneatus (low groundcover form)
Leschenaultia biloba	Blue Leschenaultia	Eremophila glabra

Little strappy plants	Common name
Anigozanthos manglesii	Kangaroo paws
Conostylis candicans	Spiny Cottonheads
Orthrosanthus laxus/multiflorus	Morning Iris
Climber	
Hardenbergia comptoniana	Native Wisteria
Groundcover	
Adenanthos cuneatus	

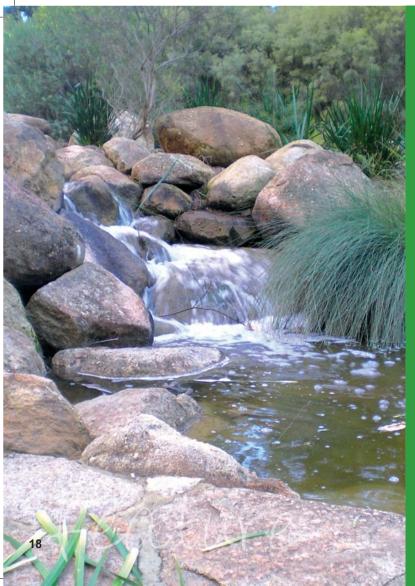
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	Pimelea ferruginea	47

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Hemiandra pungens

Melaleuca pentagona



# **Water features**

Water features always lift the look of a garden and can really create a great 'feel'.

A water feature can be as large or as small as you want or as space allows. Your water feature can be anything from water slowly spilling over the edges of an ornamental pot to a cascading fountain.

Most people don't realise that many species adapted to Perth soils are also great for water gardens. Ask your nursery about native sedges.

Not only is a water feature a great element in your design, but it also attracts birds and frogs into your garden.



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# Water feature plant list

Here are some native species that are great for water gardens.







Dianella revoluta

Juncus kraussii

Acacia pulchella

Tree	Common name

Melaleuca priessiana Moonah

Melaleuca rhaphiophylla Swamp Paperbark

#### **Shrubs**

Acacia pulchella Prickly Acacia

Conostylis sitergia Bristly Cottonhead

Dampiera linearis Common Dampiera

Dianella revoluta Blue Berry Lilly

#### Sedges and rushes

Baumea juncea Bare Twig Rush

Ficinia nodosa Knotted Club Rush

Juncus kraussii Shore Rush

Juncus pallidus Pale Rush



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# **Mediterranean gardens**

The Mediterranean garden is a great garden for entertaining in Perth's hot summers.

This design is a mixture of courtyards surrounded by planter beds filled with bright flowers. You can use some statues, bright ornamental pots or garden arches to add a bit of flair to your design.

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# Mediterranean garden plant list

Below is a list of plants you may want to have a look at if you like the idea of a Mediterranean garden.







Hypocalymma robustum

Kennedia prostrata

Eremophila glabra

Tree	Common name
Eucalyptus torquata	Coral Gum
Eucalyptus victrix	

#### Shrub

Acacia lasiocarpa Dune Moses

Anigozanthos manglesii Kangaroo Paw

Conostylis candicans Spiny Cottonheads

Eremophila calorhabdos Red Rod

Hypocalymma robustumSwan River MyrtleMacrozamia reidleiZamia PalmXanthorrhea spGrass Tree

#### **Groundcover / Climber**

Eremophila glabra Tarbush

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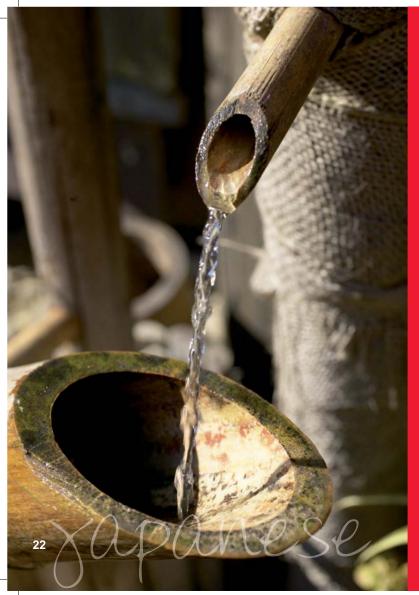
#### Perennial herb

Dianella revoluta Blueberry Lily



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# Japanese style garden

Why not add some spirituality to your garden?

The Japanese style garden draws influences from Shinto, Buddhist and Taoist philosophies to bring a sense of spirituality to the garden.

Rocks are positioned first because they change the least and represent stability in the garden. Rocks should be of similar colour, texture and form. Pebbles are also a regular feature and are used to represent the flow of water and continuity of life. They can also be used to form pathways.

Small bamboo water features like a deer scarer are common in a Japanese garden and bring the sound of tranquillity to the space, as well as mark the passing of time.

Gazebos are a good way to enjoy and observe the garden in all seasons, while statues of lions are placed at the entrance to a garden to guard against intruders.

The common rule of the Japanese garden is 'less is more!"

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# Japanese garden plant list

Below is a list of plants that may inspire your creativity when choosing plants.







Grevillea obtusifolia

Hemiandra pungens

Xanthorrhoea preissii

Tree Common name

Agonis flexuosa Peppermint 'Burgundy'

Pittosporum
phylliraeoides Weeping Pittosporum

Shrub

Banksia blechnifolia

Hakea bucculentaRed PokerXanthorrhoea spGrass Tree

**Groundcover / Climber** 

Grevillea obtusifolia Gin Gin Gem
Hemiandra Pungens Snakebush

**Perennial Herb** 

Dianella revoluta Blueberry Lily

Ficinia nodosa



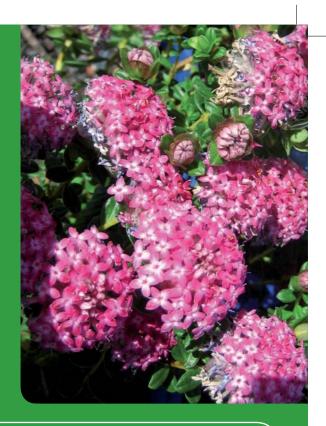
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# Where to from here?

The City of Bayswater hopes you have enjoyed the booklet and have found the information useful. With all this talk about the world's environmental problems, it can all seem hard to know where you can help. This book represents the ways in which you can begin to soften your eco footprint by increasing biodiversity in your garden and stopping algal blooms, all while having a beautiful garden with Australian values.

For more information on the booklet visit the City's website www.baywater.wa.gov.au under the Environment section for updates on garden designs, nurseries recommended books, plant photos and plant facts.





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