

## Australian Natives

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## GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS IN CONTAINERS

The cultivation of Australian plants in containers has become popular now that we know how many species are suitable for growing this way. Plants in containers are useful where there is limited garden space, as in inner city areas, flats, units etc. They are also useful for decorating areas such as patios and paved areas and around swimming pools. This is an added advantage in being able to move plants as desired. Plants may also be grown in pots where it is not suitable to grow them in the ground, such as over drainage pipes and other structures. Plants may also be grown which are sometimes "difficult" in the ground ie Brown Boronia megastigma is often more successful in containers.

### CHOOSING A CONTAINER:

There are three important aspects to consider when making this choice, design, drainage and durability.

#### 1. DESIGN

The size and shape of the container must be suitable for the plant being grown. Be careful when buying containers with a narrow neck as this can make it difficult to remove the plant for re-potting.

Low, tufty plants look good in low, shallow containers, where taller plants would need a deeper pot.

## 2. DRAINAGE

Make sure the container has adequate drainage holes. Plants will soon become water logged in a pot with no holes. Placing the pot on a surface which is adequately drained is also important. Pots should be placed on pot feet to improve drainage.

## 3. DURABILITY

Containers are made in a wide range of materials and these vary widely in durability.

Plastic is clean, light, comes in many designs and lasts reasonable well.

Terracotta clay pots allow plants to breathe and come in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Formstone pots may require sealing inside the container to prevent prevent staining and excessive water loss.

Choosing the Soil Mix Fresh Waldecks Premium Indoor/Outdoor potting mix is recommended each time you re-pot a plant. Choose only premium quality potting mixes which have added fertilisers.

## Popular Native Plants for Containers and Gardens

Botanical name	Common Name	Botanical name	Common Name
Anigozanthus spp	Kangaroo Paw	torquata	Coral Gum
Agonis flexuosa nana	Native Peppermint	Ficus spp	
Archontophoenix cunninghamiana	Bangalow Palm	Grevillea spp (inc hybrids)	
Astartea supp	(eg Winer Pink)	Guichenotia macrantha	Yanchep Bells
Baeckea virgata	Heath Myrtle	Hardenbergia spp	Native Wisteria
Banksia spp		Hemiandra pungens	Snake Bush
Baurera rubioides		Hibbertia spp	Buttercups
Bauera sessiliflora		Hypocalymma augustifolium	Coconut Ice
Billardiera bicolor		robustum	Swan River Myrtle
Boronia denticulata		Kennedyia spp	Coral Vines
heterophylla	Red Boronia	Lechenaultia biloba	Blue Lechenaultia
megastigma	Brown Boronia	formosa	Many forms
serrulata		Fanfare hybrids	Exciting new colours
Callistemon "Little John"	Bottlebrush	Leptospermum petersonii	Lemon Scented Tea Tree
speciosus	White Anzac	Livingstonia spp	Fan Palms
preissii	Rottnest Island Pine	Melaleuca Spp	Paperbarks Myoporum
Calocephalus brownii	Cushion Bush	Orthrosanthus	multiflorus
Calothamnus spp	One sided bottlebrush	Pimelea ferruginea	Rice Flower
Constylis spp	Cottontops	Scaevola spp	Fan Fare
Chorizema cordatum	Heart Leaf Pea	Schefflera actinophylla	Umbrella Tree
Clianthus formosus	Sturt Pea - annual	Stylidium adnatum	Trigger Plant
Correa pulchella	Native Fuchsia	Verticordia spp	Feather Flowers
Dampiera spp	Blue Eyes	Viola spp	Native Violets
Darwinia citriodora	Lemon Scented Myrtle	Westringia fruticosa	Native Rosemary
Dianella ensifolia		Assorted Fern Varieties	
Dietes bicolor			
Dryandra formosa			
nobilis			
nivea			
Eremaea	beaufortioides		
Eremophila glabrata	Emu Bush		
maculata			
Eucalyptus caesia var gungunnu			
kruseana	Book Leaf Mallee		
preissians	Bell Fruited Mallee		