

GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Nature Conservation Information Sheet



Supporting local biodiversity

Planting local native species in your garden is a great way to support local biodiversity. Gardening with natives also requires less water, nutrients and maintenance, which is better for us and better for the environment.

Planting Natives

The south west of Western Australia is recognised internationally as a biodiversity hotspot. We have a huge range of plants already adapted to our local climate, which is great news for gardeners as they are much more likely to thrive with minimal attention. For comprehensive information on planting local native species see [Revegetation and Native Gardens](#) (link).

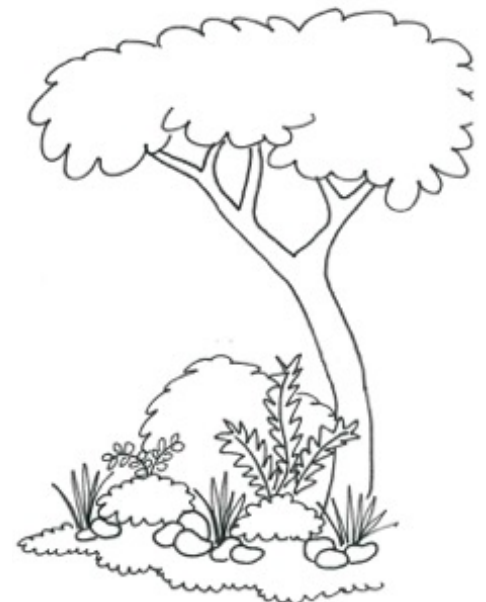
Avoiding Weeds

Weeds are a huge threat to our forests and local areas of natural beauty. Don't plant them in your garden and remove any that are already there before they spread. NEVER dump your lawn clippings or garden waste in the bush. For more information see [Managing Environmental Weeds](#).

Creating Diversity and Structure

Plant a range of plants to provide visual interest and diversity of habitats, food and shelter for local wildlife such as small mammals, birds, insects, frogs and lizards.

- Try to select a range of shapes and sizes from trees through to shrubs and groundcovers.
- Think about the layers you want it achieve and select plants based on their expected shape and size.
- It is good to have a few of each plant as this will provide consistency in the style and ensure a good supply of resources to your garden visitors.
- Select plants with different flowering times so that you always have something in flower. You can do this by visiting your local nursery during each season and selecting the plants in flower.



Trees

Trees really give the garden a sense of space and make it feel established. If you are lucky enough to already have mature trees make sure you protect them. Think about the placement of trees and the shade they will create.

- Use trees to the west to provide protection from the hot afternoon sun in summer
- Trees to the south will cool the summer breeze
- Keep the northern side of the garden more open to allow the winter sun in

Peppy trees are a key species for our local animals, birds and insects so try to include some in your garden design. Other local trees to consider include

Tall Trees

Karri
Marri
Jarrah
Bullich
Yarri (Blackbutt)

Small to Medium Trees

Banksias
Melaleucas
Sheoaks
Acacia saligna
Taxandrias

Shrubs

Medium to large shrubs provide a great sense of volume and depth in the garden. Use them as a visual screen to create privacy.

- Consider how big shrubs are likely to grow when choosing where and how close to plant them
- Prune natives regularly to encourage new growth and keep them looking good
- Quiet shrubby areas in the garden offer shelter to small birds and animals

Here are some local native suggestions based on their flower colours

White Flowers

Astartea
Hakea
Melaleuca
Myoporum
Olearia
Ricinocarpos
Trymalium

Yellow Flowers

Acacia
Eutaxias
Bossiaea
Hibbertia
Viminaria

Orange and Red

Adenanthos
Beaufortia
Boronia
Calothamnus
Darwinia
Templetonia

Pink, Purple and Blue

Alogyne
Hovea
Hypocalymma
Kunzea
Verticordia

Smaller Plants and Groundcovers

Try these small shrubs, strappy plants, climbers and groundcovers to add variety, colour and interest to the garden.

Small Shrubs

Chorizema
Hibbertia
Lechenaultia
Leucophyta
Pimelea
Thomasia
Thrypomene
Tremandra

Strappy Plants

Anigozanthos
Baumea
Conostylis
Dianella
Ficinia
Lepidosperma
Orthrosanthus
Patersonia

Climbers

Billardiera
Clematis
Hardenbergia
Kennedia
Thysanotus

Groundcovers

Carpobrotus
Centella
Dampiera
Dichondra
Hemiandra
Hibbertia
Scaevola

Nurseries with local plants:

Tube Nursery

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