



Anigozanthos 'Bush Pearl'
Kangaroo paw

Clumping perennial cultivar under 1m; flowering spring, summer in sunny, well-watered position; attracts birds.



Artanema fimbriatum
Koala bells

Branching herb to 60cm, blue or pink flowers; prune to encourage flowering and maintain shape.



Xerochrysum bracteatum
Paper daisy

Large yellow to bronze flowers, many petals; full sun, good drainage; treat as annual.

Tall Plants



Syzygium 'Cascade'
Lilly pilly

Bushy shrub 2-3m, pink new growth, powder-puff pink flowers; sun to part shade; psyllid resistant.



Elaeocarpus eumundi
Eumundi quandong

Screening tree for narrow spaces; colourful bronze-red new growth; foliage to ground; full sun, part shade.

Plant choices

Best results are achieved if plants are suited to your local climate.

Containers

Choose pots that suit the size and habit of the plant. Using light-weight containers inside heavy decorative containers saves work. A tray under a pot stops earthworms and when filled with sand or gravel will allow for moisture absorption in dry weather. The pot should not sit in water for more than 24 hours.

Potting mix

Use a mix specifically formulated for native plants. Premium grade potting mix contains sufficient fertilizer to supply a plant for about 3 months. Check if the mix contains wetting agents as they are helpful.

Fertilizer

Use low-phosphorus, slow-release fertilizers. Apply these regularly, following manufacturers' directions.

Watering

Constantly monitor moisture. Putting your finger into the soil to test the moisture level will allow you to vary the amount of water according to the plant's needs. Mulching helps maintain pot moisture and prevents soil disturbance when watering.

Pruning

Tip prune the foliage constantly to maintain a compact habit. After flowering, give the plants a light trim with secateurs. Larger plants can be pruned more vigorously, as needed.

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Australian Plants for Containers



Low Growers



Brachyscome multifida
Cut-leaved daisy

Dense annual, feathery foliage, pink, mauve, pale- and deep-blue flowers; full sun, part shade.



Dianella congesta
Coastal flax lily

Tufted plant to 1m, very hardy; purple flowers in spring, bright purple fruit; forms massed clump.



Hibbertia vestita
Hairy guinea flower

Low growing dense plant with 3cm bright yellow flowers spring to summer; sunny position.



Scaevola albida 'Mauve Clusters'
Fan flower

Vigorous, mounding ground cover; many flowers in spring, summer; feature plant in sun, light shade.



Tripladenia cunninghamii
Bush lily

Clumping herb to 40cm with clustered stems; pink flowers spring and summer; shaded areas, regular moisture.

Shrubs



Graptophyllum ilicifolium
Holly fuchsia

Medium evergreen shrub, toothed leaves, scarlet flowers spring and summer; light shade best; prune to shape.



Melaleuca thymifolia
Thyme honey myrtle

Popular small shrub; bird attracting mauve flowers, also pink and white forms; full sun, hardy.



Phebalium woombye
Wallum phebalium

Free flowering small shrub; clusters creamy star-like flowers in late winter, spring; long-lived; sun, part shade.



Pimelea linifolia
Rice flower

Low dense shrub with flower clusters at branch ends spring, summer; full sun, part shade; good drainage.



Xanthostemon verticillatus
Little penda

Shrub to 2m; showy fragrant cream flowers in spring, dark green foliage; sun, part shade.

Scramblers & Ferns



Hibbertia scandens
Twining guinea flower

Long stems, large yellow flowers spring, summer, autumn; full sun; hardy ground cover, hanging basket.



Geitonoplesium cymosum
Scrambling lily

Leafy climber, glossy leaves, white flowers spring, summer, black fruit; sun, part shade; provide support.



Pandorea jasminoides
Bower of beauty

Popular vigorous twining plant; clusters white, pink trumpet flowers; full sun, part shade; hardy once established; suits trellis, hanging basket.



Asplenium australasicum
Bird's nest fern

Large circular fern, featuring fronds to 2m; needs good drainage; water fronds lightly and frequently; light shade.



Microsorium punctatum
Climbing bird's nest fern

Long-lived pot plant with tall simple fronds; prefers shade and moist open potting medium.