

PLANT WHAT WHERE

AUSSIE MEDITERRANEAN



When seeking hardy, drought-tolerant plants that are suited to long, hot, dry summers and short, cool, wet winters some will naturally look to Aussie natives. They offer a resilient solution for the garden and many have the added benefit of attracting birdlife and beneficial insects. Nonetheless, it doesn't have to be native.

Australia's South Eastern temperate climate lends itself perfectly to Mediterranean style plantings. When thinking of a Mediterranean style garden, it's not just those surrounding the southern European sea. It's the climactic conditions we are considering, and these are similar in South West Africa, the Southern states of America and of course South Eastern Australia and New Zealand. This geographic diversity offers a variety of options. In addition to edibles, there's a range of flowering shrubs and trees, both evergreen and deciduous to choose from.

You don't need to agonise or toss the coin over whether to plant Aussie native or Mediterranean. There are many similarities in planting requirements which means they can be combined to create a stunning palette of plants with an array of foliage, forms, colour and shape.



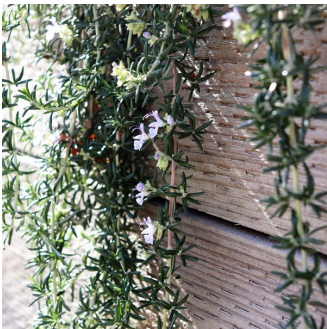
Plant Selections:

GROUNDCOVER



Dichondra repens

Tight creeping ground cover with small leaves. Will tolerate frost once established, likes full sun or part shade and moderate watering over the warmer months. Use as a broad groundcover, ideal for infilling through paving and inground stone work.



Rosmarinus officinalis 'Santa Barbara'

A vigorous evergreen groundcover. Flowers are light blue in late Winter to early Spring. Requires very little water once established. Prune for a more compact look. An excellent plant for mass planting large garden beds. Great for cascading over retaining walls.

STRUCTURAL & FOLIAGE



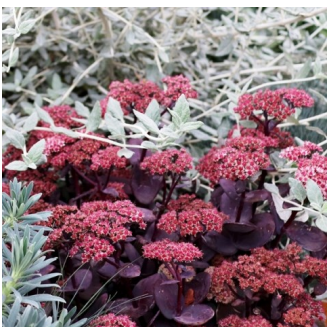
Agave geminiflora

A structural plant with narrow long leaves tapering to a sharp point finishing in tender curling white filaments. Tough and hardy being extremely drought and frost tolerant. Use as a feature specimen plant in drought tolerant gardens. Especially suited to poolside and coastal settings. Can be grown in containers to highlight the symmetrical form.



Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'

One of the most popular ornamental grasses, 'Karl Foerster' is known for its majestic long-lasting plumes and hardiness. Its foliage is a deep green and has a neat upright, clumping growth habit. Stalks of up to 1.8m arise in spring capped with wheat coloured feathery seed heads, seeds are sterile. Foliage and plumes move gracefully in the wind.



Sedum Blue Pearl ^{pbr}

An upright evergreen perennial plant with succulent, waxy leaves. Bears clusters of small showy star-shaped flowers in late Summer to Autumn. Use in gardens that require little or no water. Best in mixed planting because it dies down over winter and regrows in spring. Great planted in hot sunny areas where the mass of flowers can be enjoyed.

CITRUS & EDIBLES



Olea europaea 'Garden Harvest'

A long lived slow growing evergreen tree, attractive silver grey foliage and a gnarled grey trunk with age. Small white flowers during Spring, ripen to black in Autumn. *Olea* 'Garden Harvest' is a lovely small growing olive. 2m x 2m, but could be clipped lower. Medium sized olives for table-eating or oil production. Perfect for small gardens and pots. A great companion to 'Lemonicious' in small courtyards or entertaining areas.



Orange Mediterranean Sweet

Lovely container plants that are perfect for Mediterranean style gardens. Also suitable for lawn or garden specimens. Will grow in most soil types as long as well drained. For best results plant in a warm full sun position. Prune to shape in early Spring.

SMALL TO MEDIUM SHRUBS & HEDGING



Rosmarinus officinalis 'Chefs Choice'

An evergreen, low growing shrub with an abundance of purple-blue flowers in Summer. Suitable as a garden plant; the highly aromatic green-silver foliage cascades over pot edge and is pleasing to the eye.



Westringia fruticosa 'Jervis Gem'

This is the compact version of *Westringia* 'Wynyabbie Gem'. This is a tough, compact shrub with narrow, grey-green foliage and mauve flowers produced all year around. Very hardy and adaptable shrub, perfect for Aussie Mediterranean and coastal gardens. Also great for formal gardens as it clips well into shapes or as a low hedge. Plant with *Agonis* 'Burgundy', *Acacia* 'Green Screen' and *Leptospermum* 'Foreshore'

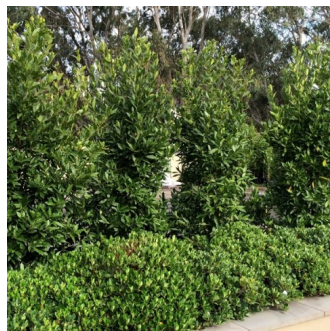


MEDIUM TO LARGE SHRUBS & SCREENING



Acacia cognata 'Copper Tips'

A beautiful weeping Australian native that will add a wonderful foliage effect to your landscape. Its graceful weeping habit and lovely copper tips will add interest to any style of garden. During mid-spring small white, tea-tree like flowers mass bloom on the ends of its branches. Is fantastic as an informal screen or as a feature plant. An ideal background plant for modern Australian native gardens.



Laurus nobilis 'Miles Choice'

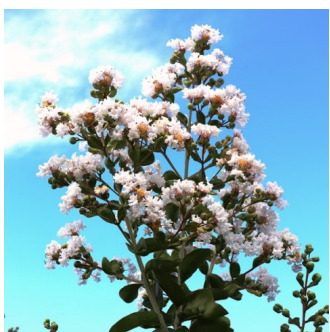
A large hardy, drought and salt tolerant tree. 'Miles Choice' is a more compact variety of the Bay Laurel. An effective hedging/screening plant that can be kept clipped from 1-4 metres, or left to grow into a medium sized tree. Its dark green leaves provide an ideal backdrop for other plants. An excellent plant for topiary and is well suited to formal gardens. Its dried leaves are used in cooking and so it is an essential plant in any kitchen garden.



Cupressus sempervirens 'Glauca'

This classic Mediterranean variety prefers an open, sunny position in a moist, well drained soil but will tolerate a wide range of soils and conditions. A slender growing conifer with aromatic blue-green foliage. Ideal for avenue planting, entrances and containers.

TREES



Lagerstroemia Albury White

This variety of Crepe Myrtle features crisp pure-white flowers against a backdrop of mid-green bushy foliage that turns orange-red in late Autumn. Lagerstroemia are suitable for small gardens and are often planted as street trees or shrub borders. They may also be effectively used for tall screening or informal hedging. Ideal for use in Mediterranean gardens to inject a splash of colour. May be planted with Lavender, Rosemary and Wisteria.

