



Welcome



Welcome to Autumn. This early rain is a wonderful relief for the garden. Harry dog is enjoying it too.

Autumn is the best time to plant your native garden. At Zanthorrea, we have a wide range of popular Australian plants in tubes. Planting from these starter plants is an economical and easy way to plant up the garden. With Easter just next weekend, there's plenty of time to visit and select your new plants.

Autumn is also the perfect time to plant everlasting daisies from seed. For planting instructions go to the Zanthorrea website.

We look forward to seeing you back in the garden centre very soon.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Alec, Ross, Jackie and the team.

PS Zanthorrea is open every day over the Easter weekend.

Farewell to John!

Farewell to team member John, who is returning to his lecturing role in Physiotherapy at Curtin. John is also studying part time at UWA. Best wishes from all of us!

Easter Egg hunt.

Bring the children to Zanthorrea for an old fashioned easter egg hunt. Find the patterned giant eggs, tick them off on the sheet and win a small chocolate egg. A great way to explore our display gardens.

Time to Plant

Autumn is planting season

Autumn is the perfect time to get stuck into the garden and plant some new shrubs. There is still some warmth in the soil and the promise of rain, and if you get your plants established now they have the best chance of surviving.



Native Fuchsias

Plant these veges in autumn for delicious winter crops:

Lettuce, spinach & silverbeet.

Broccoli, cabbage & cauliflower.

Radish, leeks & onions.

Peas, broad beans and potatoes!



Tasty herbs on the winter menu

Start your herb garden with sage, marjoram, rosemary, thyme, parsley, oregano, chives. They are all easy to grow. Simply enrich the herb bed with soil improver before planting.

Herbs also grow happily in pots in a quality potting mix. The escapee herb, mint, is best grown in a pot on paving. Enjoy! Jackie

This Season

Choose for Black-Cockatoos

Join John Colwill for the launch of a new plant label promoting native habitat plants for the endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo in the Perth area. Speakers at the event include staff from BirdLife Australia and the Dieback Working Group, who have developed the label.

Saturday 23th March, 10.30am

RSVP essential: 08 9454 6260



Photo by Georgina Steytler

For more information on plants for these beautiful birds, visit

www.birdlife.org.au/carnabys/plants-for-carnabys

Garden Week 2013

Don't miss WA's premier garden show, at Perry Lakes from 18th to 22nd April.

Catch Jackie Thursday 18th April at 'Sustainability Square', at 11.30am for a talk on "Attracting birds, native bees and butterflies."

Jackie will also be presenting a talk for HMA on this day at 1pm, "Gardens for Wildlife"

www.gardenweek.com.au/



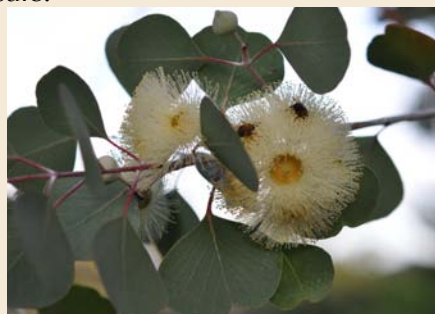
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Planting Time!

The pick from the production area.

Three gems that are rarely found in garden centres are now ready for sale:



Eucalyptus orbifolia

Round leaf mallee is a WA small tree growing to 5 metres, with pale yellow flowers in autumn / winter. Drought hardy and suitable for both sandy and heavier soils, this is a perfect small tree for any garden.

In two sizes: 140mm \$12.45 and 175mm \$16.95



Melaleuca 'August Mauve'

Another drought hardy plant for WA conditions, this shrub grows to around 1.2m in any soil. The striking mauve pom-pom flowers appear in mid winter through to early spring. 140mm pot \$12.95



Beaufortia aestiva 'Summer Flame'

Beaufortia aestiva

Sandplain bottlebrush is long flowering over summer and fiery red. Although a local of Perth sand plains, this small shrub also grows in well drained hills soil. Drought hardy and reliable. 140mm pot \$13.95. ** Hurry. Numbers limited.

Dirt under their fingernails.

Children and dirt go hand in hand. It can fire up their imaginations. Think of 'mud pies' and 'salads for fairies'. My youngest Rhys, almost 3 years, loves to make 'cakes' and 'soups' from dirt and plants found in the backyard.



My eldest, Anthony (9 years) has graduated to climbing trees and the wonders of being up high and hidden in the leaves. The best tree is one that will grow with sturdy branches close to the ground. Trees can also be used as living cubbies.

Create an area in your garden just for your children or grandies. Encourage them to dig and put in a variety of plants, ie, flowering, scented, textured, edible.

Bring them into the nursery to choose their plants. They will delight in having their own patch and show all of your visitors their garden with pride in their voices. "I planted that!"

You will soon find it hard to get them back indoors. The benefits are many. Fresh air, dirt, plants and imagination.- A great combination.

- Andrea

Lauren's Aglio Olio

Ingredients

- Half pack of spaghetti
- 1 small red capsicum
- 1 small red onion
- 2 large portabello mushrooms
- 4-5 cloves garlic crushed
- 1 small red chilli (optional)
- 1 large bunch parsley – finely chpd
- shaved parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup good quality olive oil
- S & P



Method

- * Add pasta to a large pot of salted water.
- * Roughly dice capsicum, onion, mushroom and finely chop chilli
- * Add capsicum and mushroom to well oiled pan. And cook on high heat until well coloured – remove.
- * Add onion and chilli and cook on medium heat til softened. Add crushed garlic at last minute (to release flavour but not brown) and reduce heat to the lowest setting.
- * Add capsicum and mushroom back to pan to keep warm.
- * Drain pasta and add parsley, olive oil and S & P and let sit for 1 min for the parsley flavour to infuse.
- * Add veg mix to pasta, stir well and serve with as much or as little parmesan as you want!
- * Can be spiced up with some grilled pepperoni or chorizo if you so prefer.

- Lauren



Native Myths Busted!

Myth Busters

There are many myths about growing native plants. Some of these can be misleading. We'd like to encourage all gardeners to feel confident to plant Aussie natives in their gardens. So here are a few of the common myths busted!:



You can't prune native plants!

It's true some natives don't like being hard pruned, however most respond well to a light trim. It's beneficial to do a bit of light pruning from planting to encourage compact growth and to control the shape and size. - Muriel



Pine bark mulch will make my soil acidic, and rob the soil of nitrogen.

A mulch sits on the surface of the soil to protect the soil from drying and to reduce weeds. Any mulch with large particles takes many years to break down, so is unlikely to alter the pH or soil chemistry, especially in our dry climate. -Jackie

Natives don't need fertilising or soil improving:

Most natives are fine with a once a year native plant fertiliser, however some that flower for long periods throughout the year such as Kangaroo Paws appreciate more. Nursery raised plants are grown in improved soils. We recommend using organic material such as a 'soil conditioner' when planting as it helps build up sandy soil to improve water holding capacity and in clay it helps aerate the soil.



I fertilise my plants with 'Seasol':

Seasol is not a fertiliser and will not supply your plants with the nutrients and trace elements needed. A specific fertiliser is needed for this. Seasol however is a wonderful 'tonic' and most effectively used at times of plant stress, planting and transplanting. Lisa

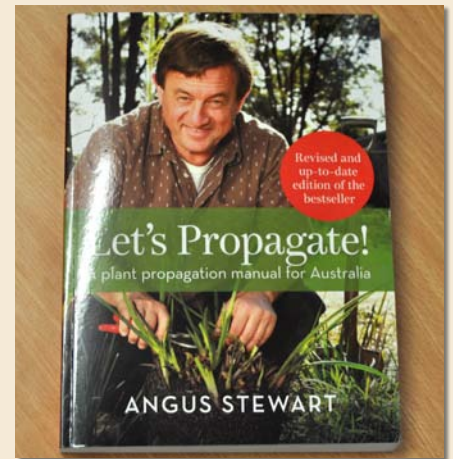
If you use soil improver it doesn't need soil wetter:

Yes, some soil improvers may state that they contain a soil wetter, however it is insufficient to properly treat the surrounding soil. Perth's sandy soils are often water repellent when they have been allowed to dry out for extended periods.

We recommend an application of a wetting agent such as Eco Wet to the soil surface. This should be applied seasonally but most importantly at the beginning of the warm season or when a plant is first planted.

-Danielle

Book Review



Let's Propagate - Angus Stewart

"Let's propagate" is for anyone interested in hands-on propagating in Australia. The author, Angus Stewart is a presenter for ABC TV's Gardening Australia and a prolific writer on Australian Native Plants. "Let's Propagate" explores a range of propagation techniques including by seed, cuttings, layering, division, grafting and tissue culture. One of the most valuable sections of the book is a 63 page appendix which provides information on the recommended propagating method and time of the year to propagate Australian Native Plants and some exotics. Species covered include acacias, kangaroo paws, waxes, eucalypts and many others. "Let's Propagate" will expand your knowledge and provide skills to successfully add another dimension to your gardening.

-John



Correa 'Dusky Bells'



Whats New in the Shop

Gorgeous Gardenware:

Get excited for a colourful time in the garden this autumn!

Award winning Annabel Trends are loving the bright colours this season. Check out these gorgeous red ankle high 'Gummies' boots in Sizes 7,8 or 9. RRP \$34.95.

We have bright new colours in the ever popular 'Sprout' gloves. Made from goatskin and lycra they have a comfortable fit with good grip.

RRP \$25.95.



Gummies

Wild Eyed Press:

New cutesy travel notes in Galah, Blue Wren and Kangaroo at \$2.95 each, are a perfect fit in the handbag or pocket! Wild Eyes Press produce greeting card packs of 8 Australian Wildlife or 'Way of Life' themed cards. Australian artists and Australian made! \$15.95 a pack.



Great Garden Art:

Very exciting Australian metal art work is arriving soon, also MADE here in Oz! Garden stakes in blue wrens, willie wagtails, butterflies, echidna, ducks and more! LIKE us on our Facebook page and we will let you know when they arrive.



Sprout Gloves

Gumleaf Essentials:

These natural room sprays and hand & body lotions are made from certified 100% pure and natural essential oils. Choose from: 'Indulgence' is very refreshing and uplifting (Lemon Myrtle, May Chang and Lemongrass). 'Soothing' is a softer more subtle tone (Tangerine, Sandalwood and Cedarwood).

From \$11.95 - \$17.95.



Gumleaf essentials

Customworks:

From the makers of the popular magnetic shopper pads in the Aussie flora and recipe range we also have Snuggle Pot & Cuddlepie and Blinky Bill. Magnets and notepads- a great gift for taking overseas or for visitors at here home!

From \$4.95- \$10 95.



Mothers Day: 12th May

Popular favourite and new gifts arriving in time for Mothers Day:

- * Pretty cups from Ashdene in blue wren and floral designs.
 - * Specialized soaps and cards for Mum from 'Skyles The Limit'.
 - * Gorgeous 'Slogger' Gumboots in paisley red, size 7,8,9, RRP \$99.95
 - * Books for the enthusiasts on Eucalyptus, Orchids, Banksias and Eremophilas.
 - * Or a Gift Vouchers for Zanthorrea
- Have a lovely Autumn, Danielle



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