



Welcome

Grower Highlight

What's On



Spring is Here!

Welcome to spring, one of the most enjoyable times to be in the garden and out exploring our amazing wildflower country. With all the August rain, spring is bound to put on an amazing show!

While we have seen some plant shortages in the industry, we also have plenty of plants to excite. Many varieties that are new to our garden centre. The interest in gardens and nature is increasing, and we think this is fantastic. We hope you have an amazing time in the spring garden, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ross, Jackie, Alec and the team at Zanthorrea.



Welcome Brianna

Please welcome Brianna to the Zanthorrea team. Before horticulture Brianna came from a background in childcare. Her passion for gardening comes from her grandma Joan, and she has a keen interest in indoor plants and Australian plants.

Native Plant Wholesalers in South Australia

At Zanthorrea we source our plants from a variety of quality nurseries so we can offer a wide selection of Australian Native plants to our local customers.

Some of our plants come all the way across the Nullarbor from the excellent growers at **Native Plant Wholesalers**. They are a large NIASA accredited production nursery between Adelaide and Melbourne that focus exclusively on growing Australian plants.



They are always on the look out for new Australian plants they can bring to the market, and it is exciting to see what comes across. They produce over 800,000 plants a year on 6 hectares of land. What we love is their excellent quality and wide range of WA plants.

Bringing plants all this way across Australia does add on an extra cost, but we think it is worth it.

The Birds and the Bees in the Burbs

Join Lisa Passmore to learn about attracting birds and bees to the home garden and why these animals are so important.

Saturday 10am, 15th October.

Gold Coin Donation to Kanyana

RSVP: 08 9454 6260



Kalamunda Spring Festival

There is so much to do at the spring festival this year, running between October 8th and November 13th. For more info and all the attractions visit:

[<https://www.phsf.au/>](https://www.phsf.au/)



Perth Garden Festival

Perth Garden Festival is on in spring this year and runs from the 27th to the 30th of October. Ross will be talking on *Australian Plants for a Drying Climate*, Friday the 28th at 1pm. See you there!



Into the Spring Garden

Australian Plant Adaptions

As we enjoy the planting time of Djilba, the urge to plant kicks in. The smell of damp earth, the birds singing and the lovely rain, all excite us to get our hands in the dirt and start planting.

When visiting Zanthorrea to pick your plants, you need to keep in mind that the Nyoongar season of Kambarang, the season of long dry periods, is just around the corner. So, choosing the plants that have evolved over millennia to grow in poor soils and with their adaptations, survive long hot dry periods, will increase your chances of getting your plants to survive and thrive.



Beaufortia sparsa

When picking drought resistant plants look for ones that have tiny leaves. Small leaves mean small surface area, so reduced water loss and reduced heat gain from the hot sun. The Beaufortia species and Thryptomene species are just two of many that come to mind.



The needle-like foliage of Callitris preissii

Alternatively, long narrow leaves also reduce exposure to the hot sun. They have a large surface area because of the length, and this helps to increase heat loss from the area not in direct sun. Melaleuca species or needle shaped leaves such as the Casuarina species are good examples of these.



Carpobrotus 'Aussie Rambler'

Succulent leaves, silver foliage, sclerophyll leaves and velvety/hairy coverings to stems, leaves and flowers, are other adaptations that can guide us to making good choices when looking for hardy plants.



Eucalyptus kruseana

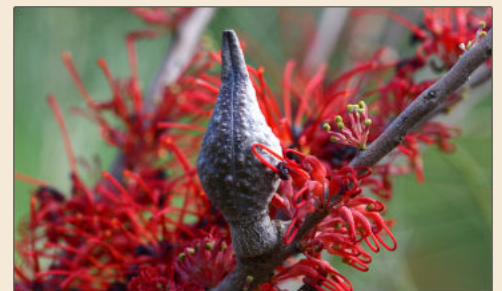
So next time you are making plant choices for your verge, acreage or garden bed, check out the leaves of your plant. They give you clues as to how drought hardy the plant will be once established. - Clare

Family Friendly Gardening

Getting out in the garden with the family is a great way to spend the day. Enticing the kids out can take an extra incentive, so here are some of my suggestions:



• Australian edibles like the **Midyim Berry** to forage for berries and the Youlk for harvesting edible tubers from the ground.



• Kids love to collect nuts and seeds from the garden, and if you don't have room for a Honky Nut Tree (Marri), then perhaps try the **Bird Hakea** for an attractive addition for arts and craft collections.



• Some Australian native plants have a delightful scented foliage that can be crushed for fragrance, or made into special 'kids tea'. Try the Native Mint Bush, **Lemon-Scented Darwinia** or the Native Daphne. - Ross



New and Unusual

One of the advantages of having our own production area here at Zanthorrea, is that we get to grow unusual plants that are just not available from the large wholesale growers. Following are some of the plants that we are excited to have available at the nursery over the next few weeks.



Boronia fastigiata

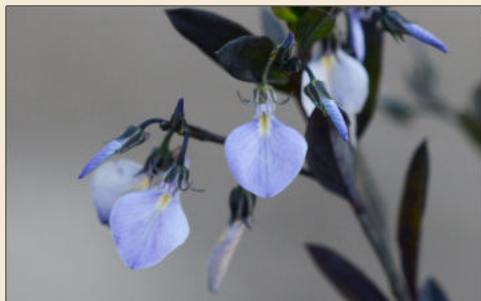
The Bushy Boronia, is a beautiful, small SW WA Boronia with attractive pinky/purple flowers spring-summer. As with most boronias, this one does best in a shady spot with summer water.

Atriplex isatidea

Coast Saltbush is a small to medium shrub which is native to almost the entire coast of W.A. so it's great in those exposed, limestone, coastal soils. Silver foliage creates lovely contrast in the garden.

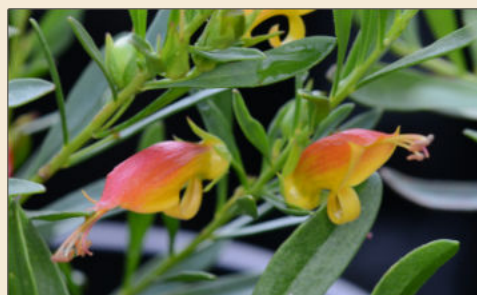
Daviesia decurrens

The Prickly Bitter Pea, is a small, local shrub which may have a prickly name and spiky leaves, but it also has a stunning display of red and orange pea flowers in winter, which are followed by an equally decorative red/orange, wedge shaped seed pod.



Templetonia retusa compact form

We have a small batch of this dwarf, compact form of Cocky's Tongue which has a dense growth habit and large rust-orange coloured pea flowers.



Eremophila 'Kalbarri Sunset'

We love this new Eremophila with it's colour changing flowers. They make a hardy small shrub that can take the hot Perth sun, and reward with yellow to orange flowers in spring. We recommend pruning after flowering to keep a nice bushy form.

Hybanthus debilissimus

This low, little SW WA native, has delicate, bright purple, violet-style flowers in spring, which are a lovely pop of colour in a mixed garden bed or hanging basket. Best in a semi shaded position.

The Vegetable Patch

Many veggie growers start dreaming of fragrant basil, delicious tomatoes and hot chillies as the daily temperature starts to climb and the days get longer.



Spring is an exciting time in the veggie patch. We're harvesting our winter produce like peas, spinach, radishes and onions and dreaming of what we want to grow during spring and summer.

Now is a great time to germinate seeds of beetroot, beans, capsicum, carrots, celery, chilli, corn, cucumber, eggplant, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, okra, pumpkin, rockmelon, rosella, silverbeet, squash, tomatillo, tomatoes, watermelon and zucchini.

Herbs include borage, calendula, catnip, chives, cumin, cress, hyssop, lemon balm, lovage, oregano, parsley, marjoram, tansy, thyme and valerian.



We stock a large range of heritage and organic select seeds from Eden Seeds and open pollinated heirloom seeds from local company Seed Station.



The Spring Giftshop



Landscape Calendar 2023

Featuring stunning photos of West Australian fauna and landscapes as well as interesting information snippets.

We sold out of last year's calendar before Christmas, so get yours soon! \$14.95 ea



New to the gift shop – “Simply” Range of Candles

We have stocked the popular “Simply” range of home fragrance products for some time now including reed diffusers and room sprays. Now we have added their range of candles. Made by Buckley and Phillips Aromatics, these candles are Australian made, with soy and coconut

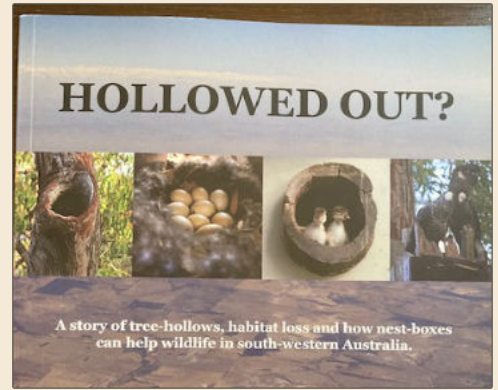
wax and lead-free wicks. Staff favourites include “Simply Sandalwood” and “Simply Lemongrass”. \$34.95 ea

Also available: Reed diffuser oils \$20.95, spare reeds \$3.95, glass reed bottle \$6.95ea.



Blue Wrens galore

The beautiful blue wren has always made a popular appearance in the gift shop on fabrics, decorative items and packaging. Our current offerings include Australian made, Blue Wren themed soap \$7.95 and Hand and Nail Cream \$14.95, both of which are enriched with essential oils. Made by Linen Press Australia. Or for something a little quirky, a decorative blue wren ornament wearing an Acubra hat! \$11.95 by Bristlebrush Designs.



Feature Book – “Hollowed Out?” By Simon Cherriman

Simon Cherriman is a well known local biologist, wildlife filmmaker, photographer and environmental educator. Affectionately known as “EagleMan” he has gained respect for his hands-on approach to his research, climbing trees to investigate hollows and nesting sites.

We are pleased at Zanthorrea to support his new book, “Hollowed Out?” in which he invites us to understand the importance of natural tree hollows, which are used as nesting sites by a wide range of our native fauna. The book fills a gap in available, accurate information on how to construct, install, monitor and maintain artificial nest boxes specifically for our region, whilst also providing information about the types of wildlife that need hollows, types of hollows and how they are formed in nature. \$45.

