



Winter habitat special



Welcome to winter! We hope your garden was refreshed with recent rains. It is such a wonderful time to be out in the garden, and a perfect time to plant before the heat of summer. We love the rainy season as it brings the whole garden to life with vibrant colours and beautiful smells.

The birds, frogs and insects are also delighted with the cooler wet weather. There are many ways on page 3 that we can encourage our wildlife in to our gardens.

Page 2 has some practical gardening tips, from Alec's dividing kangaroo paws to planting in the shade.

For our 'old' friends of Zanthorrea, you may remember the beginnings from back in 1975. Yes, September this year is our 40th anniversary! We are truly thankful to all the people who have supported us over the years and have allowed us to continue to do what we love: Grow and sell quality native plants. We hope to see you soon at Zanthorrea.

Ross, Alec and Jackie Hooper



There is still time to get your everlastings in for a stunning spring show!

2015 Perth Garden Festival

The new improved Perth Garden Festival (Ex Garden Week) was a resounding success with many positive comments from visitors. There were inspirational display gardens, plenty of nurseries with new release and old favourite plants for sale, plus garden talks from Horticultural Media all day. Children's activities and a wide variety of food outlets created a family friendly event.



Zanthorrea exhibited with a display show garden themed 'Flora for Fauna' and received a Silver Award.

Planet Ark National Tree Day

28th July

Planet Ark is celebrating 20 years of planting trees. There are many tree planting activities Australia wide, so check treeday.planetark.org to find out what's on in your location.



Fund raising for NBCF

Thanks everyone who came out and enjoyed the cakes on Mother's Day. We raised just over \$2000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

What's On



"Habitat for birds"

With our friend Eric McCrum.

Join us for a most entertaining talk about creating habitat for birds in our garden, and the antics of the birds who visit.

Saturday 11th July, 10am

Eric's talks are always very popular, so don't miss out.

RSVP 94546260 now to reserve your place.

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.



"Create a habitat garden"

Join Jackie to discuss how to design and create a garden for wildlife. With shrinking habitat, what we do in our backyards can make an enormous difference.

Saturday 15th August, 10am

RSVP to 94546260

Gold coin donation to Kanyana.

Pruning techniques

Join Ross to find out the when, how and why of pruning.

Saturday, 12th September, 10am

Always a popular talk, call now to reserve your place. RSVP 94546260

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A winter wonderland

“The rainy weather can transform a garden. It seems all the greens are stronger and the reds and oranges are brighter. Winter is also a time of scents. Many of the native plants are at their most fragrant throughout winter.” -Ross



A great time to plant

Australian native plants planted now will require only occasional watering next summer. Native wisterias, dwarf wattles, banksias and chorizemas are in flower and look stunning in winter.



The scented garden

With moisture on the leaves, the fragrance of the Australian bush delights the senses. Many winter flowering plants have signature scents: Sweet boronia, native daphne, lemon-scented darwinea, pink crowea. These beauties are perfect for shady gardens or planted up in pots.



Plants that grow in the shade

Shade comes in many forms from tree shade to the winter shade from buildings. There are many plants that will tolerate shade: Darwinea citriodora, Chorizema cordatum, Baeckea ‘Miniature’, Lomandra longifolia, Dianella revoluta, Philotheca myoporoides

An information sheet on the Shady plant selection is available on our website. www.zanthorrea.com



For successful planting

Mix soil improver or other well rotted organic material into the soil before planting. Water well at planting time. Add a teaspoon of slow release fertiliser.



Mulch is still important in winter as it keeps the soil warm and helps smother weeds. Take care that the mulch is not in contact with the trunk or stem area. Choose a mulch with large particles such as coarse woodchips or shredded tree prunings.



Q & A with Alec

When and how do I subdivide my kangaroo paws?

If you have a clump of roo paws that had 50 plus flower stems on it last season, or was smaller but had lots of dead material through it, revitalize it now!

First, dig up the clump and cut the root system back to 10cm to 15cm, then wriggle (or wrench) a sucker from the clump. See the Triple Treat in the photo above.

Peel off the older, outer leaves until you are left with three to six of the youngest leaves, and clean the root system a bit more. See photo right.



Plant into good potting mix, or composted soil, and water well. An extra water with Seasol seems to help.

The best time to divide was last month, but you still have some time, especially with the long flowering dwarfs like ‘Bush Pearl’ and ‘Pizzazz’, and the late spring-summer flowering ones like ‘Big Red’ and ‘Yellow Gem’.

- Alec

Have a gardening question you would like answered? Message it through to our Facebook page or email us at info@zanthorrea.com.



Living with nature

"It is one of the most wonderful things to wake up in the morning and walk out to a backyard full of birds happily playing and feeding in your garden." -Ross

Create a Habitat garden

It's easy to create a garden that will attract wildlife to the garden. A smorgasbord of different native plants will supply food for various visitors from insects and frogs, to birds large and small. Prickly and dense shrubs provide shelter and refuge from predators. Upright trees or tall shrubs offer perching for birds. The most important aspect of the habitat garden is the supply of fresh water whether it is in birdbaths, or simple frog ponds, it is life giving for our native wildlife. Avoiding the use of pesticides is crucial if the garden is to sustain insects that feed birds, frogs and lizards.

"Superb fairy wrens sing familial tunes to their young, for bonding, before they even hatch"



Hakeas for the birds

Do the birds a favour and plant plenty of hakeas! Many Hakeas have sharp or prickly foliage that is perfect for a habitat garden. They provide shelter from cats and other predators. In winter, they supply nectar rich flowers to sustain birds through the cold weather when insects are less plentiful. The woody seeds are marvellous for large seed eating birds such as Carnaby's cockatoo.

Check out these hakeas, they are beautiful as well as practical: Hakea laurina (pincushion), Hakea petiolaris (sea urchin) Hakea franciscana, Hakea multilineata and Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty'. They sell fast, so if out of stock, leave a request with our friendly team.



"The Bobtail's main predators are lawn mowers, cars, cats, and dogs"

The Lazy Lizards Lounge

It is perhaps something not often considered, trying to attract lizards to the backyard. But for those that would like more of our scaly friends around here are a few tips that can help.

Food - Plant insect attracting plants.

Shelter - low dense shrubs and sticks.

Warmth - Rocks placed near shelter.

Water - Shallow entering water to make it possible to feed with out drowning, like a natural rock pool.



"It takes 1,100 bees and 4 million flowers to make 1kg of honey"

Insects

Not everyone wants bees and insects in the backyard, but they play an important role as pollinators, keeping this world running and providing food on the table.

TIP: Avoid using pesticides in the garden, even 'natural' products like pyrethrin and neem can kill bees.



Frogs: healthy garden indicators

Build it and they will come. This is very true with frogs in the garden. Water in shallow ponds with reedy plants both in the pond and surrounding it will provide an ideal habitat for the tadpoles and mature frogs.

If you have a healthy low chemical garden with the right environment for frogs, they will soon visit your backyard.

"Frogs can see forwards, sideways and upwards- all at the same time, even when they sleep"



Alec installing Lisa's mural at PGF

'Flora for Fauna' was our theme for the recent Perth Garden Festival. We were proud to win a Silver award for our show garden.



Indulge this winter

“Less hours of daylight see us working hard and making the most of any opportunity to garden, leaving the body in need of some TLC.” - Danielle



Soak

Relax and revive your achy muscles with Corrynne's bath salts. \$14.95 for 500g.



Lather

Wash with Emu Tracks moisture bars (90g - \$5.95), with plant based cleansers and emu oil. Great for sensitive skin. 5 different scents.



Burn

Soy wax candles (\$19.95) made locally. New in: Baby Powder & Coconut and Lime. Surround yourself with beautiful aromas.



Scrub

Scrub up after all your hard work in the garden with 100% natural hand made body and face brushes. From \$13.95. Most popular is the long handled back scrubber.



Sip

Sip on hot lemon myrtle tea, loaded with anti-oxidants and millions of health benefits including great for a sore throat! Tins and refills available from \$14.95.



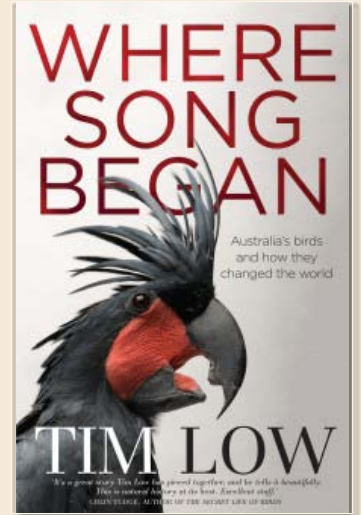
Soothe

Heal dry and damaged skin with 100% natural healing and moisturising balm by 'A Buzz from the Bees'. From \$29.95.

- Danielle

Read and Relax

'Where Song Began', is a new book coming to our shelves by Tim Low. Order now to secure one of the first copies.



Written by Australian biologist and naturalist, Tim Low, 'Where Song Began' is a fascinating book about, not only the origins, evolution and spread of birds across the globe, but also their strong relationship with plants. Highlighting how unique Australian birds are, Tim explains how Australia is responsible for giving the world its songbirds.

Filled with facts and backed up by thoroughly referenced studies and current science, Tim has an easy style of writing that makes for an enjoyable read. As I was reading this book, I had so many moments where I just had to say to whomever was in earshot, "Wow! Did you know....?"

With as much information on plants as there is birds, this is an insightful and thought provoking book that anyone with an interest in natural history will love!

4/5 stars

- Amy



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