

WHY GROW AUSTRALIAN

For their:

- ❖ Spectacular flowers eg Grevilleas, Banksia, paper daisy, bottlebrush.
- ❖ Unusual flowers eg kangaroo paw, eucalypt (gum trees), gymea lilly.
- ❖ Interesting habit, foliage, bark, aroma eg fig, hakea, eucalypt, mintbush.
- ❖ Associations. Australian plants have a richness of association with the people, places, literature and history. Whatever you grow, whether it is waratah, wattle, saltbush or Sturt's desert pea, natives will bring these associations to your garden.

Because they:

- ❖ Extend your choice of garden plants.
- ❖ Are adapted to the climate and soils (local plants only).
- ❖ Attract native birds and animals to the garden to bring your garden alive.
- ❖ Provide habitats for native animals, including small ones such as frogs, skinks, ants and crickets.

To help:

- ❖ Provide green corridors for fauna moving between patches of bushland.
- ❖ To help bring back the bush.
- ❖ Create a sense of place, the character of your region, in gardens, street trees, parks and rural areas.

By Growing Australian plants you will:

- ❖ Contribute to the conservation of bush flora and threatened species.
- ❖ Explore the diversity, beauty and peculiarity of Australia flora.

Beyond the garden, Australian natives are grown for:

- ❖ Research into the place of Australian flora in the ecology.
- ❖ Selection of superior varieties for commercial uses such as forestry, shelter belts, fodder, cut flowers, pharmaceuticals and bush foods.
- ❖ Development of plants for export industries.
- ❖ Display and education in botanic gardens, schools and parks.

.... and most importantly:

By growing Australian plants you will discover the beauty of our native flora, bring history to your garden and help conserve the biodiversity of our continent.

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