



Growing Native Plants

Tips For Selecting Plants from your Nursery:

- Choose young plants in small pots, they will usually establish quicker and outgrow larger plants in the long run.
- Select plants that look healthy, and have been ‘hardened off’ in the open before planting.
- Avoid pot-bound plants.
- When purchasing plants, ask for local provenance:
Variability within a plant species is common. For example, Golden Wattle is a wide spread species occurring naturally in South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. However, across this area the species varies in height and width, size and shape of leaves and flower colour. Purchasing plants grown from local seed or cuttings ensures your plants are truly indigenous to the local area. This is called local provenance and is important for maintaining local biodiversity.
- Introduce Indigenous Plants to Established Gardens:
Many indigenous plants are suitable for cottage gardens or rockeries.
Some indigenous perennials respond well to being treated as annuals. Plant en masse, and discard after flowering.
- Seek expert advice when purchasing plants. You will save time, money and effort.
- Group plants with similar requirements together in the garden. Make sure plants needing full sun location get plenty of sun and plants needing shade get mostly shade. Placing plants that need extra water together means they can be easily watered.

Local Nurseries: **Worn Gundidj Nursery, <http://www.worngundidj.org.au/>**
 Codrington Nursery, <http://www.codringtonnursery.com.au/>
 Pearsons Nursery, 19 Grauers Rd, Allansford VIC 3277 (03) 5565 1605

Gallery of Australian Native Plants: <http://anpsa.org.au/gallery.html>