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2012 KINGS PARK FESTIVAL FEATURE PLANTS

Top 10 Small Ornamental Eucalypts



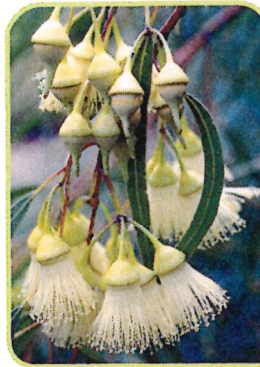
E. kingsmillii, Kingsmill's Mallee



E. brandiana, Square-fruited Mallet



E. torquata, Coral Gum



E. beardiana, Beard's Mallee



E. macrocarpa subsp. *elachantha*, Smallheaved Mottlech



E. pyriformis, Pear-fruited Mallee



E. caesia, Silver Princess



E. vitrix, Coolibah



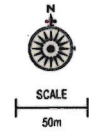
E. preissiana, Bell-fruited Mallee



E. kruseana, Bookleaf Mallee

Top 10 Eucalypts
grow me! at home

This group of small ornamental eucalypts was selected by Kings Park Horticulturists with assistance from the Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners. All species are great for the home garden. They will be available for purchase at the **Friends of Kings Park Native Plant Sale** on the September long weekend.



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Advice for plantings during Spring

Planting out plants at this time of year poses a number of significant challenges to the home gardener. With the coming hot dry weather, it is important to give your plants the best chance of survival by considering the following planting tips.

When you've selected a spot to plant your new acquisition it is advisable to think about the following steps:

- dig your hole slightly bigger than the pot you're planting from;
- add some granular soil wetting agent to the hole (ask your nurseryman for one low in phosphorous that is suitable for native plants);
- fill the hole with water allowing it to soak into the surrounding soil prior to putting your plant into the hole. Make sure the planting level is the same as originally in the pot;
- re-fill the hole with soil and sprinkle some granular soil wetting agent around the surface;
- add a mulch to the surface of the soil making sure it is not touching the plant so as to avoid fungal diseases;
- thoroughly water in your new planting and water every 2-3 days until consistent autumn rains arrive and then water regularly once or twice a week over the first summer preferably using drip irrigation.

To aid in getting the plant out of the pot a technique used by the Friends of Kings Park Volunteers when helping out with bush land or botanic garden plantings, is to use your trowel to rap the top of the pot 3-5 times. This helps to loosen the plant from the pot and allows you to get it out without resorting to inverting the pot and knocking it out.

For smaller plants you may wish to pot them on into larger pots and plant them out following the start of reliable autumnal rains.

Happy Gardening!

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