

# Gardens for wildlife

## Contemporary garden

Create a sleek modern garden to compliment your home using our local indigenous species following these simple tips:

- Use plants that have **simple leaves** to create structure.
- **Limit your plant selection** and only pick a small number of striking species.
- Plant native grasses in **single species** swathes to create a simple structural look
- Plant **iconic species** such as banksia, grass trees and wattles to create a modern Australian look
- Plant species with **contrasting leaf colour**.
- Add landscape features such as **rocks**, angular **pavers** and raw **timber**
- Select **modern furniture** with a minimalist look and no ornate feature. Use materials such as timber, raw stone and metal.



**Figure 1.** *Artist impression of a contemporary garden using indigenous species*



The plan and suggested species on the next page will help you create a contemporary garden like the one above.

*Kangaroo grass by Judy Allen*



*Snow gum flower by Nadya Kornifsky*

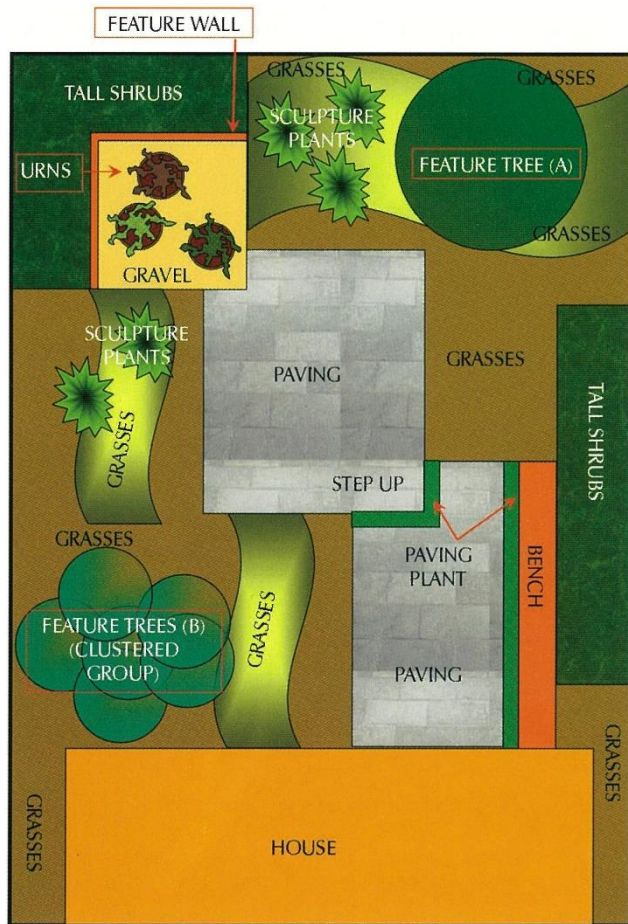


*Running postman by Lorriane Phelan*





**Figure 2. Contemporary garden plan**



#### Feature tree (A)

botanical name	common name
Bursaria spinosa	Sweet Bursaria (fragrant)
Eucalyptus viminalis subsp viminalis	Manna Gum
Eucalytus melliodora	Yellum Gum

#### Feature tree (B)

botanical name	common name
Eucalyptus pauciflora	Snow gum
Hymenanthera dentata	Tree Violet (fragrant)
Allocasuarina littoralis	Black She-oak
tall shrubs	(pick one of)
Banksia spinulosa	Hairpin Banksia*
Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia
Melaleuca squarossa	Scented paperbark
Acacia myrtifolia	Myrtle Wattle
Cassinia arcuata	Drooping Cassinia

\* pruning may be required

#### Groundcovers for urns (one of each)

botanical name	common name
Lomandra multiflora	Many-flowered Mat-rush
Patersonia occidentalis	Long Purple-flag
Acrotriche serrulata	Honey-pots
Viola hederaceae	Native Violet
Kennedia prostrata	Running Postman
Correa reflexa	Common Correa (can be pruned to a ball)

#### Grasses (use to create textured swathes)

botanical name	common name
grasses	(select each to achieve textured swathes)
Austrodanthonia caespitosa	Common Wallaby Grass
Poa morrisii	Velvet Tussock Grass
Ficinia nodosa	Knobby Club-rush
Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass
sculpture plant	(prune for density, required size and shape)
Xanthorrhoea australis	Austral Grass Tree
Xanthorrhoea minor ssp. lutea	Small Grass Tree
paving plant	(select one)
Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea	Wattle Mat-rush
Stylidium armeria	Grass trigger-plant

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## Cottage Garden

Create an informal colourful cottage garden using our local indigenous plants by adopting the following basics:

- Planting using **curved lines** and symmetry for a more informal cottage look.
- Blend different garden beds so that there are **soft edges** (less defined)
- Cottage gardens have clumps of plants with many **different layers of plants** with a wide range of heights to create depth.
- Plants with **delicate and interesting foliage** to create a soft romantic look.
- Leaves with **different texture** to create interest.
- Select from the local species that produce **showy flowers**, select a range of different flower colours to create interest.
- Use **soft vintage furniture** that creates a soft and inviting environment, it does not have to match.



**Figure 1.** *Artist impression of a cottage garden using indigenous species*



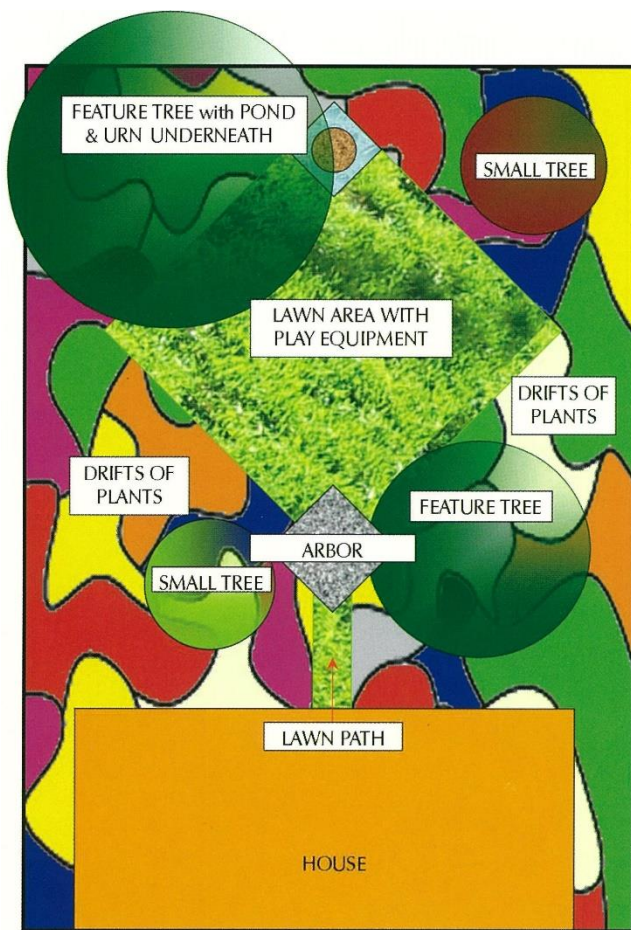
The plan and suggested species on the next page will help you create a cottage garden like the one above, or you can use the same principles to create a cottage garden of your own design.

## Low plants

- Plant 3-15 of each plant to ensure block planting
- Bigger plants place near fence/back of garden
- Smaller plants place near front/pathways



**Figure 2. Cottage garden plan**



### Trees

Botanical name	common name
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria
<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora</i>	Snow Gum
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood

### Small trees

Botanical name	common name
<i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>	Tree Violet
<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	Woolly Tea Tree
<i>Melaleuca squarrosa</i>	Scented paperbark
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver banksia
<i>Acacia leprosa</i>	Cinnomon Wattle
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle Wattle
<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snow Daisy
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i>	Hairpin Banksia

### Low plants - bigger

Botanical name	common name
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
<i>Diillwynia glaberrim</i>	Smooth Parrot-pea
<i>Indigofera australis</i>	Austral indigo
<i>Goodia lotifolia var lotifolia</i>	Golden tip
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common correa
<i>Grevillea alpina</i>	Mountain Grevillea
<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush
<i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>	Dusty Miller
<i>Bossiaea cinera</i>	Showy Bossieae

### Low plants - smaller

Botanical name	common name
<i>Chrysocephalum semipapposum</i>	Clustered Everlasting
<i>Helichrysum scorpioides</i>	Button Everlasting
<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running postman
<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	Common Rice-flower
<i>Arthropodium strictum</i>	Chocolate Lily
<i>Diplarrena morea</i>	Butterfly flag
<i>Patersonia occidentalis</i>	Long Purple-flag
<i>Tetralthea ciliata</i>	Long pink-bells
<i>Diplarrena moraea</i>	Butterfly Flag
<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>	Erect Guinea-flower
<i>Wahlenbergia stricta</i>	Tall Bluebell
<i>Thysanotus tuberosus subsp tuberosis</i>	Common Fringe-lily
<i>Stylidium armeria</i>	Grass trigger-plant

### Climbers (near fence or over arch)

Botanical name	common name
<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Vine
<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	Small Leaf-Clematis
<i>Hardenbergia violaceae</i>	Purple Coral-pea



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## Formal garden

A formal garden is easy to develop using local indigenous plants. Some keys things to consider to create a formal garden are:

- **Repeating** the same species or a pattern of species.
- **Limit the number of plant species** you select and your garden will have a more formal structured look.
- Use stringlines and a tape measure to ensure your **plants are planted in straight lines** at even spacing.
- Create **defined borders** between your different garden beds by using materials such as brick pavers.
- Select plants that can be **pruned to form dense hedges or interesting shape**
- Select plants with **dense, large foliage**.



**Figure 1.** Artist impression of formal garden using indigenous species



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*Hop Goodenia by Russell Best*



*Long purple flag by Bill Strong*

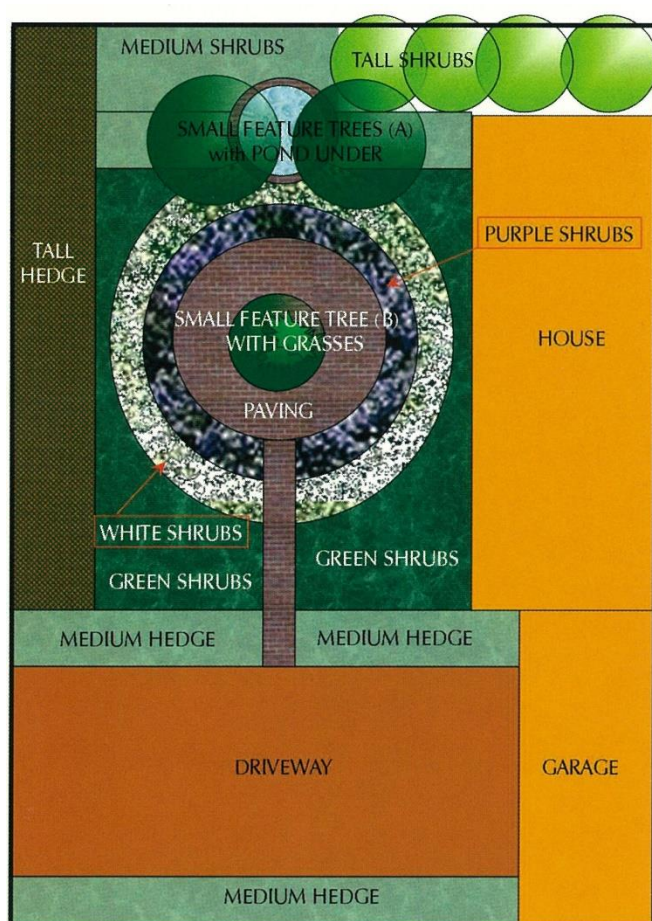


*Butterfly Flag by Chris Ridgeway*





**Figure 2. Formal garden plan**



### Small feature trees (A)

botanical name	common name
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
<i>Hymenanthera dentata</i>	Tree Violet

### Small feature trees (B)

botanical name	common name
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle
<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	Muttonwood
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle wattle
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i>	Hairpin banksia

### Shrubs

botanical name	common name
<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark
<i>Melaleuca squarrosa</i>	Scented paperbark
<i>Cassinia arcuata</i>	Drooping Cassinia
<i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>	Dusty Miller
<i>Tetradlea ciliata</i>	Long Pink-bells
<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush
<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snow Daisy
<i>Platylobium formosum</i>	Handsome Flat-pea
<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush
<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	Common Rice-flower
<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	Woolly Tea-tree
<i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>	Silky Tea-tree
<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
<i>Bossiaea cinerea</i>	Showy Bossiaea
<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	Smooth Parrot-pea
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia

### Hedges

botanical name	common name
<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge wattle
<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Yarra Burgan
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common correa
<i>Alyxia buxifolia</i>	Sea box
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
<i>Prostanthera lasiantha</i> var. <i>lasiantha</i>	Victorian Christmas Bush

### Grasses

botanical name	common name
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i> ssp. <i>coriacea</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Stylidium armeria</i>	Grass trigger-plant
<i>Patersonia occidentalis</i>	Long Purple-flag
<i>Diplarrena moraea</i>	Butterfly flag

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## Green lush garden

Create a green oasis using local indigenous plants by following these suggestions.

- Select species with **large green leaves** that create impact.
- **Keep your new plants close** together to give the impression of a full garden
- **Cover blank fences with creepers** so that your garden looks like it has depth.
- Plant in **graduating layers** to give your garden depth.
- Use soft edging and curved lines rather than hard sharp corners and edges, and **allow plants to overflow** over any edges to create a lush feel.
- Selecting **natural surfaces** will create a more lush look than hard structures and elements
- Add a **water feature** to add tranquillity to your oasis



**Figure 1.** *Artist impression of green lush garden using indigenous species*



The plan and suggested species on the next page will help you create a lush garden like the one above, or you can use the same principles to create a lush garden of your own design.



**Figure 2. Green lush garden design**



### 1. Tall trees

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> subsp <i>viminalis</i>	Manna Gum

### 2. Medium trees

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Acacia implexa</i>	Lightwood
<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	Muttonwood
<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris
<i>Pittosporum bicolour</i>	Banyalla

### 3. Small trees

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle
<i>Acacia myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle wattle
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	Victorian Christmas Bush
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria

### 4. Tall shrubs

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark
<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush

### 5. Medium shrubs

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
<i>Prostanthera melissifolia</i>	Balm Mint Bush
<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush

### 6. Small shrubs

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Showy Bossiaea</i>	Bossiaea cinera
<i>Platylobium formosum</i>	Handsome Flat pea
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common Correa

### 7. Groundcovers/scramblers

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Billardeiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney Weed
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	Native Violet

### 8. Grasses/tufted

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>	Tasman Flax-lily
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i> ssp. <i>corinacea</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Stylidium armeria</i>	Grass trigger-plant
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny Headed Mat-rush

### 9. Ferns

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Blechnum cartilagineum</i>	Gristle Fern
<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Rough Tree Fern
<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree Fern

### 10. Prickly thicket

Botanical name	Common name
<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses*
<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant Bush