

Drought-resistant plants for dry gardens

Tough, attractive plants requiring very little water

This is a small selection of drought-resistant plants suitable for the home garden. Plant perennials and bulbs for added year-round colour. Sizes for all plants are approximate. Soil conditions and regularity of watering and applying nutrients will affect ultimate size. Plants are only drought resistant when they have developed a good root system. This may take 6 to 12 months depending on soil preparation.

Australian ground-covering plants		<i>Approx. height and spread</i>
	Acacia cultiformis 'Cascade'	30cm x 3m
	Correa decumbens	30cm x 1.5m
	Derwentia perfoliata	60cm x 1m
	Grevillea x gaudichaudii	40 cm x 3m
	Leptospermum rotundifolium 'Julie Anne'	25cm x 1m
Myoporum parvifolium	30cm x 1m	
Exotic ground-covering plants		<i>Approx. height and spread</i>
	Convolvulus mauritanicus	15cm x 50cm
	Rosmarinus prostratus	30cm x 1m
	Sedum	depends on variety
	Thymus serpyllum (many varieties)	20cm x 50cm
	Arctostaphylos urvi usi	30cm x 60cm
Osteospermum	20cm x 60cm	
Australian plants to one metre	Banksia spinulosa 'Honey Pots'	
	Correa reflexa 'Dusky Bells'	
	Dianella caerulea	flax lily
	Melaleuca thymifolia	
	Micromyrtus ciliata	
	Prostanthera cuneata	mint bush

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Exotic plants to one metre	Buxus sempervirens	box
	Ceanothus 'Blue Sapphire'	Dwarf Californian lilac
	Cistus	rock rose
	Escallonia 'Pink Pixie'	dwarf escallonia
	Lavendula angustifolia	English lavender
	Rosmarinus 'Blue Lagoon'	rosemary
Australian plants 1.5 to two metres	Acacia lanigera	woolly wattle
	Callistemon 'Little John'	red bottle brush
	Grevillea lanigera	woolly grevillea
	Leptospermum	tea tree
	Westringea 'Wynyabbie Gem'	
	Philotheca myoporoides (syn. Eriostemon myoporoides)	wax flower
Exotic plants 1.5 to two metres	Abelia x grandiflora	glossy abelia
	Choisya Ternata	Mexican orange blossom
	Escallonia 'Crimson Spire'	
	Teucreum fruticans	
	Nandina domestica	Sacred bamboo
	Raphiolepis	Indian hawthorn
Australian plants over two metres	Banksia ericifolia	heath banksia
	Callistemon 'Endeavour'	red bottle brush
	Grevillea 'Poorinda Constance'	
	Leptospermum lanigerum	woolly tea tree
	Prostanthera ovalifolia	mint bush
	Kunzea baxteri	
Exotic plants over two metres	Arbutus unedo	Irish Strawberry tree
	Euonymus japonicus	spindle bush
	Feijoa sellowiana	pineapple guava
	Laurus nobilis	bay tree
	Viburnum laurustinus	
	Lagerstroemia indica	crepe myrtle