

**GROWING FRIENDS OF SYDNEY RBG  
LIST OF PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPERS AND TRADE**

PLANT	COMMON NAME	PLANT FAMILY	DESCRIPTION	BENEFIT
<i>Posoqueria longiflora</i>	Needle Flower Tree	Rubiaceae	Evergreen shrub, 1.5 to 2m, white tubular flowers, perfumed, early summer to autumn	Unsurpassed fence concealer, near non-transparent from ground level in sheltered open sky. Gardenia relative, strong scent
<i>Barleria micans</i>	Giant Yellow Shrimp	Acanthaceae	Dense bushy shrub to 1m, deep green leaves, bright yellow flowers in Spring, full sun	For sheltered open sky where tight, stemless bun shaped sub-shrubs are required to around 50cm
<i>Ensete ventricosum</i>	Abyssinian banana	Musaceae	Ornamental banana growing 8-12m, flowers after 4-5 years, inedible fruit	Sub-tropical "Hero Plant" for built in obsolescence, where a monocarpic (dies at around 3 years after flower) cycle is required, to keep garden dynamically "open"
<i>Tetradenia riparia</i>	Misty Plume Bush	Lamiaceae	Small evergreen shrub to 1.5m, highly aromatic foliage, showy misty lilac plumes in winter	Use as path side "brush by" & winter flowers
<i>Crithmum maritimum</i>	Rock Samphire, Sea Fennel	Apiaceae	Small herb to 30cm, grey foliage, aromatic, tough exposed areas	Coastal stalwart for low summer humidity, where cold winter & salt tolerant weed suppressant ground cover required
<i>Kerria japonica</i>	Keeria	Rosaceae	Deciduous open shrub, yellow flowers in spring, 1-3m, very frost hardy, dappled sun	For mid-border "spring rush" and winter transparency required for earlier bulbs like <i>leucojum aestivum</i>
<i>Hibiscus boryanus</i>	Foulsapite Marron, Mahot	Malvaceae	Evergreen tree to 8 m, endangered in wild (Mauritius, Reunion), orange or red flowers	Holy grail of flowering slow maturing small trees in coastal frost free gardens where converging courtyard sight lines require less than 4m with a conventional short stem
<i>Hedychium coccineum var. carneum</i>	Scarlet Gingerlily	Zingiberaceae	Tall shrub to 1.5m, sun or semi shade, heads of pink flowers in spring and summer	To give a more tropical impression than its warm temperate climate would normally support, use with <i>Dichorisandra thyrsiflora</i> , <i>alpinia zerumbet</i> & <i>maranta</i> 's, <i>ctenanth</i> & <i>calathea</i>
<i>Dianthera nodosa</i>	Lady in Pink	Acanthaceae	Small shrub to 1 m, flowers Feb - May, pretty pink fan-shaped flowers, semi shade	Indispensable spill over for retainers or other ascending terraced planting spaces require a pendulous showering habit
<i>Pisonia umbellifera 'Variegata'</i>	Bird Catcher Tree	Nyctaginaceae	Highly ornamental small tree, 3-5m, green/cream variegated leaves, prefers semi shade	To give contrasting "lift" against mid green background foil where a quick small tree is required for a tropical theme, beneath open sky conditions down to around 3 degreeC/night winter minimums
<i>Mitrostigma axillare</i>	African Gardenia	Rubiaceae	Shrub to 1.5m, glossy green foliage, scented white flowers, orange fruit, semi shade	A southern side gloom dweller near the back door, for short, dark gloss & fresh white early Spring gardenia scent without spring, internal leaf drop. Good permanent container culture.
<i>Ruspolia seticalyx</i>	Ruspolia	Acanthaceae	Small erect shrub to 1.2m, large green leaves, coral/orange flowers in	Morning sun or broken midday sun NOT in winter shade, for useful sub-shrub alternative to a lavender dimensions, not for aromatic leaves but for humidity loving late summer to Autumn colour
<i>Lobelia laxiflora</i>	Mexican Cardinal Flower	Campanulaceae	Shrub 1.5-2m, masses of tubular orange/yellow flowers late winter to spring, dry, sunny	For western heat in dry top soil, where this sub-shrub of long lasting, high spring to autumn tubular flowers is reliable to "cut & flush" 2 to 3 times a season for extended sunset colours for a 2m square space
<i>Clerodendrum buchananii</i>	<i>Clerodendrum buchananii</i>	Verbenaceae	Shrub with large heart-shaped leaves, scarlet red flowers most of year, sheltered sunny position	For the begonia, ginger, <i>calathea</i> shelter garden beneath elevated shade in rich top soil to around 1.5m close to pathways

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<i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i> var. <i>mexicanus</i>	Turk's Cap	Malvaceae	Tropical looking shrub to 3m with large green leaves with bright red pendulous flowers early summer to mid autumn, semi shade or sun	Excellent screen in any aspect except south, near non-transparent from ground and hibiscus shot hole resistant. Easy companion planting to close short ground gap like <i>Billbergia pyramidalis</i> facing east and <i>Aechmea nudicaulis</i> facing west. Gives impression of "tropical theme" but unlike tropical plants, will get down to 2 degree minimum O/nights in good condition.
<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i>	Natal Plum	Apocynaceae	Slow growing shrub to 3m, glossy spiny leaves, white star flowers in spring, red plum shaped berries, sun	Indispensable tough and scented, evergreen screen that can be cut into a tighter hedge with security repellent spines on boundaries
<i>Strobilanthes flaccidifolius</i>	Chinese Rain Bell	Acanthaceae	Weeping shrub, 1.5 -2 m , moist shade, pink flowers autumn winter	A useful shrub in semi shade to sun as fence concealer for its speed and generous February to June glossy cerise bells. Keep 3 m distant from shady slow maturers. Excellent weed suppressant, reduce to half after flowers.
<i>Plectranthus saccatus</i>	<i>Plectranthus saccatus</i>	Lamiaceae	Small shrub to 1.2m, jacaranda blue flowers from November to March, dry shade	Dry shade saviour as tall ground cover, predation free and excellent with <i>Eranthemum pulchellum</i> (Indian Sage)
<i>Salvia karwinskii</i>	<i>Salvia karwinskii</i>	Lamiaceae	Large shrub to 2 m, grey green foliage, dusky coral pink flowers in late winter spring, sun to light shade	A <i>Salvia</i> Hero among so many "also rans", THIS is a vibrant exception as a flowering sub-shrub that responds well to a twice a season cut to half. Put with <i>bergenia</i> and <i>Ruellia macrantha</i> for late winter "think pink" sparkle
<i>Rhipsalis pilocarpa</i>		Cactaceae	Epiphytic cacti, pendulous, white flowers	Dainty, slow, permanent, pendulous occupant for hanging basket in morning sun with "tiny dancer" opaque transparent mid winter flowers that light up against low winter sun. Also Greenwalls, frost free and harsh summer free crevice planting with exposed rock among <i>Epidendrum Crucifix</i> Orchids, smaller aloes and gasteria. Can grow within rain deprived overhang with occasional water.
<i>Rhipsalis penduliflora</i>		Cactaceae	Epiphytic cacti, pendulous, white flowers	As for <i>R. pilocarpa</i> but more robust requiring bigger growing space
<i>Rhipsalis grandiflora</i>		Cactaceae	Epiphytic cacti, pendulous, white flowers	More upright than <i>R. pilocarpa</i> & <i>R. penduliflora</i> , with an interestingly coarse, coral-like habit.
<i>Salvia wagneriana</i>	<i>Salvia wagneriana</i>	Lamiaceae	Tall shrub to 3m, hot pink/cream flowers in winter, part shade	More dark cherry than <i>S. karwinskii</i> 's bright rose pink and a loftier sub-shrub at 3 m, competing well with established evergreens shrubs like <i>Megaskepasma</i> , <i>lochroma</i> or <i>Brugmansia</i> in the rough & tumble of the mid border.
<i>Hibiscus insularis</i>	Phillip Island Hibiscus	Malvaceae	Endangered native plant, tall shrub to small tree, pale yellow flowers aging to mauve most of the year	Excellent beachside screen evergreen to 4m that takes some exposure and sandy top soil, responds well to a 1m top cut reduction with interesting short lived but prodigious and mutable "stained strawberry" flowers.
<i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>	Mexican Marigold	Asteraceae	Spreading shrub to 1.5m high and wide, aromatic ferny foliage., masses of small golden daisy flowers in winter, drought hardy, sun	Useful "brush-by" for aromatic release on pathways and winter colour or even cuts to a low, lose hedge.
<i>Eranthemum pulchellum</i>	Blue Sage	Acanthaceae	Fast growing shrub, 1- 2m, violet blue flowers late winter spring, semi shade	Fence concealer to 2m near non-transparent from ground providing not in harsh frost. Good down to 4 degrees min. winter O/night and complements <i>Posoqueria longiflora</i> and <i>Dichroa febrifuga</i> in combined fence concealment for the east facing of the semi-shade garden
<i>Aeschynanthus parasiticus</i>		Gesneriaceae	trailing perennial with waxy leaves and pendulous clusters of orange flowers in summer	Large hangers, Greenwalls and crevice planting within dry overhang like broad eves without predation with minimal water. Good with other slow, glossy leafed twiners like <i>hoya</i>
<i>Billbergia pyramidalis</i>	Flaming Torch Bromeliad	Bromeliaceae	Tough bromeliad with colourful flowers in March and April	Indispensable dry shade Hero Plant as tall ground cover to 400mm drifts alternative to <i>clivea</i> , weed suppressing and most welcome yet brief autumn carmine "flares" combine with <i>maranteacea</i> i.e. <i>ctenanthe</i> , <i>maranta</i> & <i>calathea</i>

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Dicliptera suberecta	Velvet Honeysuckle	Acanthaceae	Low growing sprawling shrub to 60cm, velvet leaves, orange/red tubular flowers in spring, sunny	Speedy yet fluctuating ground cover that suits a twice yearly reduction where semi shade to sun pockets for annual flowers are to be preserved to keep the garden "open" rather than close over in a permanent thicket. Excellent "foam over" for retainers as a plectranthus companion.
Aechmea pineliana var pineliana	Aechmea pineliana	Bromeliaceae	Bromeliad with upright leaves with sharp red spines on leaves, red stalked spike with yellow flowers	Winter into spring flowers beneath deciduous trees like jacaranda where surface root tree fibre makes much other companion ground covering alternatives difficult. Happy to sit on surface as a terrestrial epiphyte to around 400mm tall
Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi	Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi	Crassulaceae	Sprawling hardy succulent, thick scallap- shaped leaves, clusters of chrome pink pendulous flowers	Mid winter marvel for its flower froth to soften retainers and gives textural contrast to just about anything else
Dichorisandra thyrsoiflora	Blue Ginger	Commelinaceae	1.5 - 2m long canes with lush foliage bearing purple/blue heads in autumn, partial shade, frost sensitive	High summer blue flowering Hero, to leverage the lush shelter garden among kohleria, nidularium, farfugia and justicea
Begonia listada	Begonia listada	Begoniaceae	Ground cover for underplanting, two tone green velvety leaves, suited to mass planting	Heavy shade redeemer, even in dry shade if sheltered, where the velvet lime striped leaves can grow into spaces between rocks, near water courses & rushways. Excellent light-well ground cover with smaller palms & flowering shade shrubs like medinilla
Megaskepasma erythrochlamys	Brazilian Red Cloak	Acanthaceae	Tall growing shrub to 3m with erect heads of crimson bracts March to winter, sun to semi shade	A multi-concealer of garden sheds, carports, as a clothes line barrier or to plant following both sides of mesh fencing as a "living fence" following boundaries.
Begonia 'Island Gem'	Begonia 'Island Gem'	Begoniaceae	Shrub to 80cm, two tone pink/ white flowers most of year, full sun to very light shade	A sun hardy shrub that cuts well into hedging with profuse flowering over long periods during all warmer months. Excellent flowering focal point for converging sight lines.
Justicia adhatoda	Justicia adhatoda	Acanthaceae	Tall growing shrub to 4 m, shiny light green foliage, heads of white flowers in winter / spring, semi to full shade	As for Megaskepasma with added southern house wall concealing ability without winter leaf fall or loss of condition
Begonia scharffii	Begonia scharffii	Begoniaceae	Medium height shrub, mid green foliage, ivory flowers with pink hairs, light shade	Permanent for large patio pots where long lasting colour is desired, even within some overhang, for breezeways and window boxes.
Begonia angularis	Begonia angularis	Begoniaceae	Spreading growth to 1.2m distinctive foliage on angled stems, panicles of white flowers autumn winter, morning sun	Greenwalls, hangers, dry shade weed suppression and groundcover
Begonia 'White Showers'	Begonia 'White Showers'	Begoniaceae	Tall cane begonia to 1.5m with panicles of creamy white flowers from late spring to autumn, semi shade or morning sun	Grows perfectly through black pvc coated mesh fencing above retainers as a concealed fall hazard reduction.
Begonia 'Coral West'	Begonia 'Coral West'	Begoniaceae	Small shrub to 50cm, dappled shade, coral red flowers spring summer	A short compact cane for the sheltered, bright shade garden to add long lasting colour
Begonia holtonis var. holtonis	Begonia holtonis var. holtonis	Begoniaceae	Small shrub to 50cm, dappled shade, cream flowers spring summer	Flowers insignificant but cascading habit valuable for Greenwalls, as retainer wall overhang and as companion to taller shade plants like piper, philodendron, dieffenbachia, alcantarea geniculata and polycias