



# PLANTS FOR LOCALS

## GROUNDCOVER PLANTS



### SCIENTIFIC NAME

*Conostylis aculeata*

### COMMON NAME

Prickly Conostylis,  
Cotton Heads

### PLANT INFORMATION

Clumping, grassy perennial which has heads of yellow buds that form yellow or white flowers. This groundcover is versatile and can be used as a border plant, in a flower garden and is great in pots.

- ▶ Full sun / part shade
- ▶ Flowers in spring and winter
- ▶ Height: 50cm x Width: 50cm
- ▶ Insect and pollinator friendly
- ▶ Good for erosion control

### SCIENTIFIC NAME

*Myoporum parvifolium*

### COMMON NAME

Creeping Boobialla

### PLANT INFORMATION

This groundcover is easy to care for and creates a dense mat of foliage. White flowers are produced during spring and summer. Helps to deter weed growth, can cover slopes and banks and is a suitable lawn substitute for low-traffic areas.

- ▶ Full sun / part shade
- ▶ Flowers in spring and summer
- ▶ Height: 50cm x Width: 1m – 3m
- ▶ Insect and pollinator friendly
- ▶ Good for erosion control
- ▶ Bird-attracting
- ▶ Mammal and lizard habitat



### SCIENTIFIC NAME

*Patersonia occidentalis*

### COMMON NAME

Purple Flag, Native Iris

### PLANT INFORMATION

This leafy plant is easy to care for as it grows from an underground rhizome. Purple/blue flowers appear throughout spring and summer. Thrives in well-drained soil.

- ▶ Full sun / part shade
- ▶ Flowers in spring
- ▶ Height: 50cm x Width: 50cm
- ▶ Insect and pollinator friendly

### SCIENTIFIC NAME

*Kennedia prostrata*

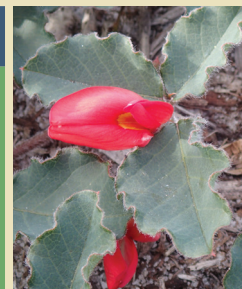
### COMMON NAME

Running Postman /  
Scarlet Runner

### PLANT INFORMATION

Running Postman can be used as both a groundcover and a climber – it has red pea flowers that bloom from winter to summer. Can be used on banks, hanging baskets and on a trellis or fence.

- ▶ Full sun / part shade
- ▶ Flowers in spring and winter
- ▶ Height: 50cm x Width: 1m – 3m
- ▶ Insect and pollinator friendly
- ▶ Bird-attracting



### SCIENTIFIC NAME

*Lobelia anceps*

### COMMON NAME

Angled Lobelia

### PLANT INFORMATION

Growing as an upright clump, the Angled Lobelia flowers for most of the year, but especially in the warmer months. The Angled Lobelia prefers damper soils or soils that retain water well and can be used as a shallow pond plant.

- ▶ Full sun / part shade
- ▶ Flowers in spring and summer
- ▶ Height: 1m – 2m x Width: 50cm
- ▶ Insect and pollinator friendly

# PLANTING GUIDE

## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL GROWING

### 1 DIG YOUR HOLE

Dig a hole at least twice as deep and wide as the size of the pot. Create a 'dish' for the plant to sit in below ground level to collect rainwater, and a 'dam' to prevent run-off.



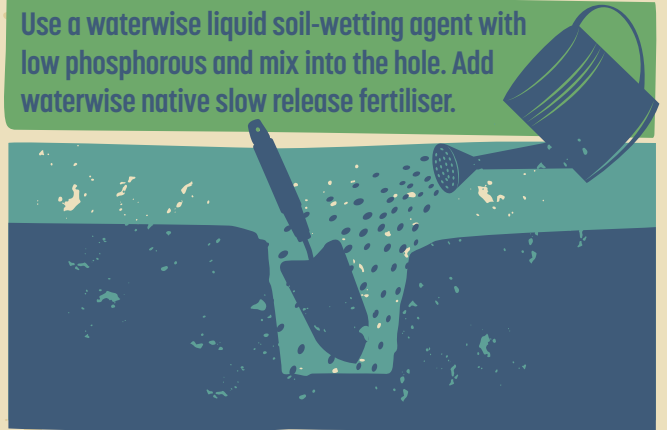
### 3 PLANTING

Tip your plant gently out of the pot and place in the hole at the same level or slightly below the surrounding soil. Fill in the gaps with soil and press gently by hand to create a dish. Add coarse, open waterwise mulch such as pine bark or whole tree prunings around the plant base, keeping the mulch away from the stem.



### 2 PREPARE YOUR SOIL

Use a waterwise liquid soil-wetting agent with low phosphorous and mix into the hole. Add waterwise native slow release fertiliser.



### 4 WATER YOUR PLANT

Help your plants settle into their new home by applying 5 litres of water per plant. If your Soil is hydrophobic (water does not soak in) then apply some soil wetter.



### 5 AFTERCARE FOR PLANTS

Regular watering after planting is important while the plant is being established. Water every two weeks in spring and autumn, and every week in summer. Add a waterwise slow-release fertiliser onto the soil around the plant every six months - 12 months, until established. Some plants may need pruning over time.



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