



Urban Wildlife Gardens

Plant List from Black Mountain Garden Visit

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The following lists plants that have succeeded in this native garden at Black Mountain in the Noosa hinterland. This planting list does not represent the original ecology of the location – it's just a list of what is currently growing well.

Site circumstance: Grey glug clay in part shade under Large Gum Trees along front bank		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Alpinea caerulea</i>	Native Ginger –	Needs good moisture
<i>Alyxia ruscifolia</i>	Chain Fruit	
<i>Austromyrtus dulcis</i>	Midyim	
<i>Backhousia citriodora</i>	Lemon Myrtle	Lightly pruned to maintain shape
<i>Backhousia myrtifolia</i>	Grey Myrtle	Lightly pruned to maintain shape
<i>Callicarpa pedunculata</i>	Velvet leaf / Native Lantana	Striking purple berries, soft leaves, deciduous in dry,
<i>Cordyline rubra</i>	Palm Lilly	Coppiced to create multiple foliage heads
<i>Cordyline petiolaris</i>	Broad leafed Palm lilly	Coppiced to create multiple foliage heads
<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>	Spotted Gum	Large tree note suited to urban gardens
<i>Cyperus mirus</i>	Mirus sedge	Cute clumping green foliage. Like damp locations.
<i>Eupomatia laurina</i>	Bolwarra	
<i>Hibiscus heterophyllus</i>	Native Hibiscus	Flowers are great in cooking same as zucchini flower. Prune to maintain shape and longevity
<i>Homalanthus nutans</i>	Native Bleeding Heart	Coppiced to maintain tall shrub height. Striking red leaves
<i>Lomandra hystrix</i>	Matt Rush	
<i>Melastoma malabathricum ssp. malabathricum</i>	Native Lasiandra or Blue Tongue	Likes good moisture. Mauve flowers following by edible fruit. Prune to shape
<i>Myoporum boninense</i>	Mangrove Boobalia	Pruned to low hedge.
<i>Ottocloa gracillima</i>	Graceful Grass	Used as rampant groundcover to

		outcompete weeds. Can be mown as native lawn
<i>Oxylobium robustum</i>	Golden Shaggy Pea	Striking yellow flowers
<i>Phyllanthus albiflorus</i>	Nodding Phyllanthus	Daintly foliage and flowers on drapping foliage spikes
<i>Pultenea myrtoides</i>	Eggs and Bacon	Striking yellow flowers

Site circumstance: Grey glug clay in full sun along front bank and near front shed		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Allocasuarina emuina</i>	Emu Mountain She Oak	Very rare casuarinana. Small size suited to urban gardens
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black She Oak	Larger tree but can be coppiced. Valuable food source for Black Cockatoos
<i>Austrosteenisia blackii</i>	Blood Vine	Growing over pergola next to front shed. Striking pink and red flowers
<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>	Dwarf banksia	White underfoliage showy in wind. Large flowers
<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Breynia	Local variety. Great butterfly attractor
<i>Breynia cernua</i> 'Ironstone Range'	Coffee Bush	From northern Australia. Striking maroon foliage. Great butterfly attractor
<i>Carex Appressa</i>	Tall Sedge	Prune hard after seeding when summer rains start
<i>Cissis antarctica</i>	Kangaroo Vine	Clipped as groundcover
<i>Coleus aregentus and</i> <i>Coleus graevolens</i>	Native coleus	Grey soft aromatic foliage with lavender flowers. Used as rampant groundcover to outcompete weeds.
<i>Dianella caerulea</i>	Flax Lilly	
<i>Dodonea triquetra</i>	Hop Bush	
<i>Dodonea viscosa ssp.</i> <i>cuneata</i>	Wedge leafed Hop Bush	Red seeds great for display and feeding Kin Parrots
<i>Hibiscus heterophyllus</i>	Native Hibiscus	Flowers are great in cooking same as zucchini flower. Prune to maintain shape and longevity
<i>Jacksonia scoparia</i>	Dogwood	Striking fluffy foliage and yellow flowers. Pruned to maintain shrub shape
<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i>	Wild May	Understory pruned of dead wood to create standard shape
<i>Lomandra hystrix</i>	Matt Rush	
<i>Melaleuca thymifolia</i>	Honey Myrtle	
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	White Cedar	Deciduous. Coppiced to maintain tall

		shrub height
<i>Melicope elleryana</i>	Pink Flowering Doughwood	Striking pink flowers. Coppiced to maintain tall shrub height

Site circumstance: Kin Kin Beds (Phyllite Shale) Clay – Full Sun in beds around House and Pool		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Acacia podalyriifolia</i>	Queensland Silver Wattle	Planted near pool. Showy silver foliage and striking yellow flowers
<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>	Dwarf banksia	White underfoliage showy in wind. Large flowers
<i>Banksia robur</i>	Swamp banksia	Striking foliage and flowers. Prune to maintain size
<i>Callitrus collumeneris</i>	Coastal Cypress	Soft aromatic foliage clipped as formal hedge and topiary
<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Yellow Buttons	Great cottage garden plant
<i>Crinum pendunculatum</i>	Swamp Lily	Used in damp locations. Architectural spiky foliage and large white flower
<i>Coleus argenteus</i> or <i>Coleus graevolens</i>	Native coleus	Grey soft aromatic foliage with lavender flowers. Used as rampant groundcover to outcompete weeds.
<i>Commersonia viscidula</i>	Mt Tinbeerwah commersonia	Like dry rocky soil. Coppiced in western side of house to maintain screening size
<i>Gahnia clarkei</i> and <i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>	Saw Sedge	Alongside pool in depression that retains waste as needs plenty of moisture. Good screening and striking black and rusty red flowers
<i>Grevillea banksii</i>	Red Grevillea	from out of Noosa Biosphere in Gympie area. Striking deep red flowers contrast with grey flowers
<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	Guinea flower	Yellow flowered ground cover with trailing stems
<i>Hibiscus diversifolia</i>	Swamp Hibiscus	Spiky foliage. Needs plenty of moisture. Tall yellow hollyhock flowers.
<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	Native frangipani	Coppiced to maintain tall shrub size
<i>Juncus usitatus</i>	Common Rush	Soft needle foliage and brown flowers. Hardy and prefers plenty of moisture)
<i>Mallotus mollissimus</i>	Soft kamala	Large soft green leaves. Pruned to maintain as tall shrub
<i>Ozothamnua disomifolius</i>	Sago flower	Aromatic foliage and striking white flowers

<i>Pandorea jasmoindes</i>	Bower of beauty	Long front veranda posts with draping form and constant white and pink flowers
<i>Sannatha simulus</i>	Twiggy Mrytle	
<i>Scaevola albida</i>	Face Flower	Great cottage garden plant with blue flowers
<i>Tecomantha hillii</i>	Kgari Island Creeper	Over entrance pergola. Striking pink flowers
<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass	Great display and foliage and dramatic seeds heads. Prune to maintain
<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i>	Paper Daisy	Great cottage garden plant with pink, yellow and orange flowers
<i>Zeira smithii</i>	Sandfly ziera	Beautiful aroma

Site circumstances: Other random plants shown in the garden		
Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Alpinia caerulea</i>	Native Ginger	Likes shade and moisture and are planted in the sewage disposal areas
<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Bangalow Palm	Likes shade and moisture and are planted in the sewage disposal areas
<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	Crows Nest	Likes filtered light and moisture and are planted in the sewage disposal areas
<i>Crinum pendunculatum</i>	Swamp Lily	Used in pots in front garden. Architectural spiky foliage and large white flower
<i>Christella dentata</i>	Binung fern	Used as understory shade plant under veranda
<i>Doryanthes palmerii</i>	Large Palm Lily	from outside Noosa Biopshere in Scenic Rim area. Large striking spiky foliage and 4m tall red flower
<i>Hoya australis</i>	Wax flower	Used in hanging baskets along veranda. Well suites to basket and lovely aromatic flowers.
<i>Pararistolochia praevenosa</i>	Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Vine	Used to grow over skylounge trellis. Attracts large beautiful Richmond Birdwing Butterflies
<i>Podoacarpus elatus</i>	Brown Pine	Clipped as formal hedge in rear courtyard
<i>Viola hederacae</i>	Native violets	Used as carpet in shady areas at rear