

Some ideas for your garden?

A selection of garden plants currently in the Yalanji Nursery

PLANTS FOR SHADY GARDENS

Latin name: *Odontonema tubaeforme*

Common name: *Fire Stick*



Shady position, this plant appreciates water but tolerates drier conditions.

Great for attracting sunbirds and other honeyeaters.

Cut back hard and fertilise in August for best results – new spring growth will keep bushy.

Use at the back of a screening bed, or against a fence.



PLANTS FOR SHADY GARDENS

Latin name: *Asplenium nidus* **Common name:** *Birds Nest fern*

Australian native that likes a shady position. This fern deserves a place where it can be admired!

Birds nest ferns are true rainforest plants so conditions should be like it's natural home.

Up here in the tropics this can be achieved by planting outside. Very little maintenance is required other than keep the water up and the rare feed!

In places that are not in the tropics they usually spend their lives in pots, so take some extra care.

This one is in a reasonably shady little garden with bromeliads, most of the watering that I do in this garden is misting so both types get what they need.



PLANTS FOR PART SUN /SHADE

Latin name: ***Bromeliad***



Common name: ***Bromeliad***

Part sun, filtered sun position, suitable for rockeries, even in trees!

We have various types and colours.

If the bromeliads are destined for a tree fork (see the picture at right) you should ensure it has adequate watering via the central “cup”.

Bromeliads don’t actually need soil to grow in if they have the right conditions!



If a ground or rockery planting then the normal watering of the garden bed should be fine.

Use with plants that like similar growing conditions – here I have used birds nest fern, begonias, and variegated mondo grass.



PLANTS FOR PART SUN /SHADE

Latin name: *Lomandra hystrix*

Common name: *Lomandra*



Australian native

Filtered sun position, appreciates water but will tolerate drier conditions for a short time.

Clip out old leaves for appearance, and keep well watered.

PLANTS FOR SUNNY GARDENS

Latin name: *Cordyline australis*

Common name: *Cordyline*



Australian native for a sunny position.

We have many varieties and colours!

The flowers are small but afterwards the berries attract many birds.

Remove old leaves for appearance.

Shown at right with a ground coverage of
Brazilian Walking Iris.

The cordyline adds colour wherever you need
it and is great for creating layers in your
garden.



PLANTS FOR SUNNY GARDENS

Latin name: *Codiaeum variegatum*



Common name: *Croton*

Sunny position, Crotons appreciate water but tolerate drier conditions.

Crotons come in a huge variety of colours and patterns and can be used for most garden and landscape applications.

Trim to encourage branching, but be careful of the sap – it can cause skin irritation!

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PLANTS FOR PART SUN /SHADE

Latin name: *Molineria capitulate*

Common name: *Weevil lily or palm grass*



Australian native.

This plant thrives in the rainforest understorey so a filtered sun position is best.

Its sometimes called “palm grass” because the leaves resemble palm leaves.

Flowers are compact, yellow and appear at the base of the plant, but this plant is mainly used for its dramatic foliage at ground level.

PLANTS FOR PART SUN /SHADE

Latin name: *Neomarcia gracilis*

Common name: *Brazilian Walking Iris*

This is a versatile little ground cover that is adapted to our tropical weather. The flowers are Not long lasting but plentiful. These look best in a mass / drift planting – in the garden below they appear like a sea of white and blue, and then a few days later they'll do it over again! Feature plants in this area are various types of Cordyline, but the iris do a great job of filling in the gaps.



PLANTS FOR PART SUN /SHADE

Latin name: <i>Xanthostemon Chrysanthus</i>	Common name: <i>Golden Penda</i>
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These wonderful trees are just magnificent when in bloom. They do great in tropical gardens, ours actually had a bumper year of flowering after a cyclone came through in April. Penda's do like their water but not wet feet – so make sure they have good drainage.

PLANTS FOR PART SUN /SHADE

Latin name: *Ophiopogon japonicus*

Common name: *Mondo Grass*



Just a great little filler – go pretty much anywhere and with anything!

So there were a few ideas of simple plants that grow well in the suburban garden. Many of these non-native plants should not be used where escape into bushland or rainforest is possible – please garden responsibly!

If you are actually after re-vegetation plants then don't hesitate to make an enquiry about our latest stock list.

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