

subTropical Gardening



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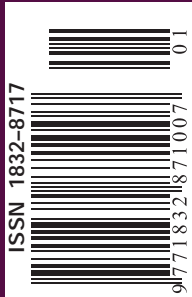
PREDATORS & PARASITES

POLYSCIAS

CLIMBERS

TRAVELLING GARDENERS

**local advice for
local gardeners**



NATIVES
– bird attracting



WATER
– water plants



EDIBLES
– rocket + mulberries



SUBTROPICALIA
– bromeliads + gingers

Ipswich Plant Expo and marketplace

Guest speakers Colin Campbell,
Paul Plant, Claire Bickle,
Noel Burdette and Arno King

Many plant stalls – great for
collectors and landscapers

Garden related products
and tools

Organic and edible gardening

Ipswich Mayor, Paul Pisasale
officially opens event at 10am



Saturday 3rd March 2012
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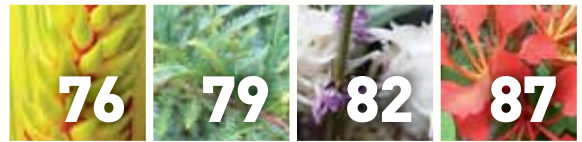
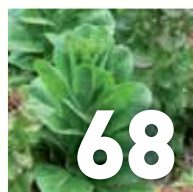
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In pursuit of tropical plants in Sydney

Locating reliable sources for tropical-looking plants that thrive in Sydney's climate can at times seem almost impossible. Local 'tropical plant' collector [Helen Curran](#) discusses options for Sydney residents where they can find tropical and subtropical plants for their gardens.

GARDEN CALENDAR FEB/MAR/APR

By Arno King

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This time of the year is the best to be in the garden – rain is still plentiful but not heavy, the ground is warm and moist, and the worst of the heat is over. Plants are flourishing and gardens ‘look a picture’.

It’s a great time to get back into the garden and undertake the major plantings for the year. Existing plantings can be renovated – digging and dividing some of the best performing plants to develop some inspirational areas of mass planting. There are still more months of rain ahead and plants will be well established by the time the drier weather of late winter and spring arrives.

Cuttings will also root readily this time of the year. Some of the hardier species can simply be rooted by inserting cuttings

where they are intended to grow. However, it often pays to root cuttings in a pot of sterile potting mix, located in the shadehouse or under a tree where it can be kept moist at all times.

The wet weather encourages plant growth as well as weeds, and they grow and then seed at an alarming rate. Make sure you pull them before they flower and then take them to the compost heap. While pulled weeds can simply be dropped and composted on site during the dryer periods of the year, during the wet month they often reroot and keep growing. Regular weeding, heavy mulching and dense planting are the best ways to break the weed cycle. Dense groundcovers are also a great way of weedproofing to minimise weed intrusion.

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