Gardening





Plant something endemic to your local area this weekend

The idea of planting something native over the Australia Day long weekend is a growing tradition. But rather that go for a cultivated variety grown from cuttings, why not consider a hardier, seed grown, locally endemic native.

Search for your local community native plant nursery or search on the website of your local shire or council for recommendations your local area. There are a few species I love for Brisbane/Moreton and the surrounding local government areas that are suitable for the average-sized or small gardens.

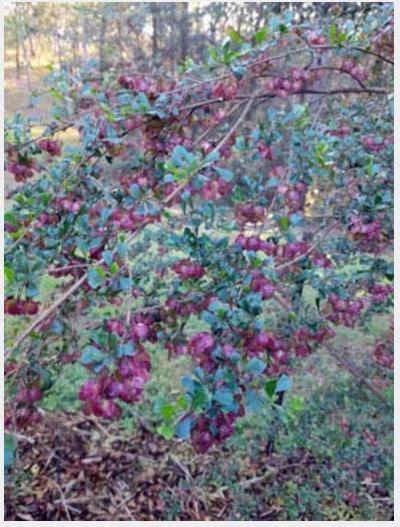


Assorted native plants

Breynia oblongifolia -

Coffee Bush

Grows to 3m high with a light foliage coverage for full sun or part shade. Adaptable to a range of soil types including dry soil and evergreen all year.



Dodonea-sp.-Hop-Bush

Dodonea species - Hop Bush Bulbine bulbosa - Bulbine Lily There are three local species that (or native leek, but the foliage is are all worthwhile considering: not generally eaten/not palatable) Sticky Hop Bush (D. cuneata), Greyish/green Triangle Leaf Hop Bush (D. foliage with multiple flower triangularis) and Forest Hop Bush stems up to 75cm high. The (D. triquetra). All grow in full sun yellow flowers open progressively or part shade and reach around making it long flowering and the 3m. They are naturally lightly native bees absolutely love it. foliaged, but you can prune to Full sun gives better flowering increase foliage density. All have and it is not fussy about soil fabulously decorative seed pods. type. Tolerates dry or wet soil.

Graptophyllum species –

Native Fuchsia

Graptophyllum illicifolium (Holly wattle and Brisbane's native Fuchsia) is the showiest. It grows to floral emblem. 5m and produces stunning fuchsia Crinum pedunculatus – Swamp pink flowers. I have a number or River Lily of these planted, but in recent Syzygium wilsonii - Powerpuff years have come to appreciate Lilypilly Graptophyllum spinigerum (Spiny Austromyrtus dulcis – Midgen Fuchsia). It has smaller holy-like Berry leaves and is a very hardy, well Banksia spinulosa - Hairpin behaved shrub that you can allow Banksia to grow to 3m, or trim to a formal Eucalyptus curtisii - Plunket or informal shrub or hedge. It is Mallee a perfect low-maintenance shrub and bears small while flowers.



Graptophyllum species - Native Fuchsia

succulent-like

Others to consider:

Acacia frimbriata – Fringed