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Whether you like the colder temperatures or not there are certain gardening jobs which are best tackled at this time of the year like pruning back those herbaceous shrubs which got a bit out of hand in summer. Also now is a perfect time to get on top of those nasty weeds by either spraying or pulling them out by hand.

Planting out in the next few months is fine due to our mild winters. One new release to think about is Grevillea Soopa Doopa. This fantastic, dense shrub will get to around 1 metre x 1 metre and produce rich pink and orange flowers all year round. Like all Grevilleas it will do better in well drained soil with plenty of sun. Prune back once a year and use a native fertiliser every four months. Then sit back and enjoy the colour.



It really is soopa

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The Geraldton Wax or Chamelaucium is synonymous with winter due to its showy waxy flowers in the cooler months. We've just received two varieties in 200mm pots. These bushy plants are covered in flower buds so you'll get a huge splash of colour very soon. Purple Pride and Lemon Drops are great performers in well drained soils and enjoy a light prune after flowering. They will reach a height of around 2 metres with a similar width. The flowers once picked will last quite a while which makes them ideal for arrangements around the house. The price is \$22.99.



Waxy colour

Another hardy native which brightens up a winter garden is Ozothamnus "Winter White". These easy-care shrubs also reach about 2 metres high but are slightly narrower with a one metre spread. Clusters of small white flowers cover the plant from winter to summer and also make a great addition to a flower arrangement. Ozothamnus, once established, can tolerate drought and frost and will bush out even more with the occasional prune.



Do you want some snow this winter?

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Want some **more** winter colour in your garden? You may wish to try the new Hardenbergia “Meema”. This improved version of the Sarsparilla Vine will grow approximately 500mm high with a 2 metre spread. It can climb up things if required or will form a dense groundcover, great for suppressing weeds. Meema produces masses of purple pea shaped flowers in winter and spring and will look the part in any type of garden. It can tolerate droughts and frosts and will grow in full sun or part shade. Also an excellent plant for pots and containers.



A purple cascade

Cleome “Senorita Rosalita” is an outstanding exotic shrub with masses of pink flowers from Spring to Autumn (although ours in stock still have plenty of flowers on them). Growing half a metre high by one metre wide this small shrub makes a great show in garden beds or pots. It also looks fantastic in a mass planting. This hardy shrub will reward you with loads of colour with very little maintenance. Searles “Flourish” is a good liquid fertiliser to use in combination with a slow release plant food such as Organic Xtra to keep your Cleome looking healthy and bursting with flowers throughout the year.



Pink. Lots of pink

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You may be familiar with the terrific 5 in 1 products. Well now it comes in a liquid. It contains composted animal manures, blood and bone, fish and seaweed, potash, minerals and trace elements. In short it does for plants what spinach does for Popeye. It's suitable for all plants and is especially beneficial on ones that flower or fruit. This concentrate 1 litre bottle makes up to 200 litres of mixture so it goes a long way. Simply mix it up and pour over the leaves and into soil around the plant. The range also includes the bags of 5 in 1 composts (30ltr and 65 ltr) and the 15kg pellet fertiliser.



Pour it on and stand back!

We now stock the super hardy Kikuyu lawn seed. If you're after a quick to establish and drought hardy lawn it's hard to go past this one. It's suitable for clay and sandy soils and will form a thick carpet of vibrant green in no time. Sow into a sunny position and keep watered until established. For long term healthy growth fertilise with a good quality lawn fertiliser 3 or 4 times a year. The 750g box will sow 75 square metres.



Great for high traffic areas

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Seed Potatoes are back! One of the easiest of vegetables to grow these Sebago potatoes will reward you with loads of tubers with virtually no maintenance. Just plant into a good soil in a sunny position and water occasionally and in a few months you can start to harvest your very own fresh, tasty spuds. However you cook them they will keep you warm throughout winter. We sell them in kilo bags for \$4.99.



Don't be a couch potato.
Plant some today

We have Photinia Red Robins at the moment on special, 3 for \$27 in a 140mm pot. These plants are excellent for hedging and will get up to 4 metres if you let them although they can be pruned a lot lower. Masses of red tip growth year round, quick growing habit and hardiness make this a very popular choice for a dynamic looking hedge or screen. Plant every 750mm or so and add some fertiliser to the hole for better results.



Ahhh. Your hedge is on fire!

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Our Urbanlite range of pots and troughs are now 50% off or half price, depending on which day you come. These tough but lightweight pots are selling quickly at these prices so be sure not to miss out.



Super cheap

Apart from a stroll around the nursery a good way to warm up is with the fresh and tasty fare in the Lorikeet's Coffee Shop. Try our homemade soups, scones or biscuits. Or fuel you day with the Big Breakfast.



And no trip to Nielsen's Native Nursery is complete without a visit to Marine Mates. The huge range of corals, fish, aquarium plants, display tanks and products is a real eye opener.



Happy gardening all!Eliot Holzworth