

Landscaping Guideline: Trees for Confined Spaces

A guide to planting trees in confined garden spaces.

So, you would like a tree in your garden?

- What do you want the tree to do - provide shade, flowers, screen/privacy, fruit, attract birds?
- Does the soil need improving?
- Will the tree be planted in a container or in the ground?
- Can I maintain the tree I want - pruning, flower and leaf litter, fruit fly?
- Do I want a native or exotic tree, evergreen or deciduous?

Identify where underground and overhead services are

- Communication cables – Foxtel, Telstra
- Gas
- Electrical
 - main line from verge to dwelling (underground and overhead)
 - in some cases electrical cables from the dwelling to service garden lighting, pond pumps etc.
- Underground or nearby structures such as:
 - Soak wells
 - Drainage lines - sewer and storm water
 - Retaining walls

Before you get started

- Draw a plan of the area to scale.
- Add items such as the dwelling with door and window locations, gates, access points, driveways, taps, paving, orientation (north south east west), arrows pointing through the garden to views from windows.

- To utilise small spaces, consider using a tree in a large container, or espalier a tree. Fruit trees are ideal to espalier. Screen a neighbour or unwanted view and still provide fruit.
- It's a good idea to use a can of spray paint to mark on the ground the line of the service.
- Know how deep the service is by carefully digging a test pot hole.

Suggested Species

The following information outlines suggested local and introduced species for the key Armadale precincts - Swan Coastal Plain, Armadale Strategic Metropolitan Centre, Kelmscott Town Centre and The Hills.

The table is also broken into size constraints:

- Narrow 2x2m spaces - Espalier only
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- Small 3x3m garden spaces
- Medium 5x5m garden spaces
- Large 7x7m garden spaces

Local Species (Perth Region)

Introduced Species

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	Espalier	Narrow 2x2m	3x3m Garden	5x5m Garden	7x7m Garden
Swan Coastal Plain					
<i>Agonis "after dark"</i>		*	*		
<i>Acacia fimbriata</i>			*		
<i>Callistemon Kings Park</i>					*
<i>Callistemon Viminallis</i>					*
<i>Citrus</i>	*		*		
<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus caesia</i>			*		
<i>Eucalyptus decipiens</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus erythrocorys</i>			*		
<i>Eucalyptus foecunda</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus forrestiana</i>					
<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea</i>					*
<i>Eucalyptus macarandra</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>			*		
<i>Frangipanii</i>			*		
<i>Hakea laurina</i>			*		
<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>					
<i>Lagerstroemia</i>		*		*	
<i>Prunus bleriana</i>	*		*		
<i>Pyrus ussuriensis (Mancherian pear)</i>	*			*	
<i>Pyrus nivia</i>	*				*
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>				*	
Armadale Strategic Metropolitan Centre					
<i>Acacia fimbriata</i>			*		
<i>Agonis "after dark"</i>		*	*		
<i>Agonis "after dark"</i>			*		
<i>Acacia fimbriata</i>			*		*
<i>Callistemon Kings Park</i>					*
<i>Callistemon Viminallis</i>					*
<i>Citrus</i>	*		*		
<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus forrestiana</i>					
<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea</i>					*
<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>			*		
<i>Fraxinus Griffithi</i>					*

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<i>Lagerstroemia</i>		*		*	
<i>Prunus bleriana</i>	*		*		
<i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i> (Mancherian pear)	*			*	
<i>Pyrus nivia</i>	*				*
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>				*	
Kelmscott Town Centre					
<i>Agonis "after dark"</i>		*	*		
<i>Acacia fimbriata</i>			*		*
<i>Acmea smithi</i>					*
<i>Callistemon Kings Park</i>					*
<i>Callistemon Viminallis</i>					*
<i>Citrus</i>	*		*		
<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus forrestiana</i>					
<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>			*		
<i>Fraxinus Griffithi</i>					*
<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>				*	
<i>Lagerstroemia</i>		*		*	
<i>Prunus bleriana</i>	*		*		
<i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i> (Mancherian pear)	*			*	
<i>Pyrus nivia</i>	*				*
<i>Robinia "mop top"</i>					*
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>				*	
The Hills					
<i>Acacia fimbriata</i>			*		
<i>Citrus</i>	*		*		
<i>Eucalyptus caesia</i>			*		
<i>Eucalyptus decipiens</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus forrestiana</i>					
<i>Eucalyptus foecunda</i>				*	
<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>			*		
<i>Fraxinus Griffithi</i>					*
<i>Hakea laurina</i>			*		
<i>Prunus bleriana</i>	*		*		
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