



Selected Plants of the Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden

The following list includes a selection of plants found within the Children's Garden. These plants were chosen for their playful and sensory characteristics and their drought resistant and hardy qualities. Plants can create a stimulating and varied environment and inspire children's play. This plant list may provide inspiration for gardens within kindergartens, schools or home gardens.

This is not a complete list of all the plants in the Children's Garden but includes some selected plants from each area of the garden. Please keep in mind that some of these plants may be difficult to source. We have included a list of websites where it may be possible to find some of these plants. You may also like to contact your local council for a list of indigenous nurseries in your area.

Entrance Area

Coast Banksia: *Banksia integrifolia*

Hairy Sedge: *Carex comans* 'Frosted Curls'

Maidenhair Vine: *Muehlenbeckia complexa*

Kitchen Garden Plants

Olive Tree: *Olea europaea* 'Picual'

Passionfruit: *Passiflora edulis* 'Panama Red'

Persimmon: *Diospyros kaki* 'Hyakume'

Japanese Banana: *Musa basjoo*

Tamarillo: *Cyphomandra betacea*

Rhubarb: *Rheum x cultorum*

Fig: *Ficus carica* 'White Genoa'

Orange: *Citrus x aurantium* 'Arnold Blood'

Black Muscat Grape: *Vitis vinifera* 'Muscat Hamburg'

Babaco: *Carica pentagona*

Medicinal Aloe: *Aloe vera*

Herbs

Rosemary: *Rosmarinus officinalis*

Thyme: *Thymus*

Chamomile: *Matricaria recutita*

Vietnamese mint: *Persicaria odoratus*

Nasturtiums: *Tropaeolum majus*

Pineapple-scented sage: *Salvia elegans*

Parsley: *Petroselinum crispum*

Apple mint: *Mentha suaveolens*

Gathering Area & Misty Gorge

Lavender: *Lavandula*

Wedding Lily: *Dietes robinsoniana*

Snow Gum: *Eucalyptus pauciflora*

Queensland Bottle Tree: *Brachychiton rupestris*

Red Flowering Gum: *Corymbia ficifolia* 'Summertime'

Plants the Dinosaurs Ate

Austral King Fern: *Tochea Barbara*

Bird's Nest Fern: *Asplenium australasicum*

Rough Tree Fern: *Cyathea australis*

Weeping Pine: *Pinus patula*

Tall Pine: *Pinus Radiata*

Maidenhair Tree: *Gingko biloba*

Pond Plants

Gunnera: *Gunnera manicata*

Water Lily: *Nymphaea*

Common Nardoo: *Marsilea drummondii*

Bidgy Widgy: *Aceana novae-zealandiae*

Black-anther Flax-lily: *Dianella revoluta*

Grasses

Common Tussock grass: *Poa labillardierei*

'Orange grass': *Libertia peregrinnans*

'Big grass': *Lomandra hystrix*

Weeping grass: *Microlaena stipoides*

Orange Sedge: *Carex Testacea*

Spear Lily: *Doryanthes palmeri*

Bush Tucker Plants

New Zealand Spinach: *Tetragonia tetragonioides*

Coastal Pigface: *Carpobrotus rossii*

Sweet Apple Berry: *Billardiera cymosa*

Hibiscus: *Hibiscus splendens* x *heterophyllus*

Useful Websites

VINC: Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Co-operative www.vinc.net.au

CERES: Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies www.ceres.org.au

S.G.A.: Sustainable Gardening Australia www.sgaonline.org.au

PRAV: Play and Recreation Association Australia www.prav.asn.au

EEEC: Environmental Education in Early Childhood <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~eeec>

Diggers: The Digger's Club www.diggers.com.au

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The Visitor Centre also offers excellent programs for children and other visitors to the Royal Botanic Gardens.

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