



# The Bellbird



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## Plant of the Month - January

### Actinotus 'Starbright' "Flannel Flower"



Actinotus 'Starbright' is definitely another home town hero. It is the perfect Australian native silver foliage coloured plant with an added bonus, it also produces the most amazing florist quality star-like flowers which are quite unique. At only 70cm high and 60cm wide this plant makes the perfect compact plant for pots, garden bed borders or a stand alone contrast feature.

## It's all about Australian Silver

When we think of the colour silver in a garden setting, we often use it to create a dramatic contrast which is delivered 12 months of the year. Silver foliage plants often also possess other attributes which are sometimes over looked. These plants more often than not have a beautiful felt like textural element which delivers the most amazing sense of softness to a garden which can be very useful in landscapes dominated by large proportions of hard surfaces. These same hard surfaces often heat up a micro-climate which can be very difficult to grow some plant varieties in, but Australian native silver foliage plants often have the ability to deflect this reflective heat and utilize their lower water usage requirements to thrive in these otherwise difficult growing conditions once established. As gardens continue to heat and often get smaller due to higher density living, our silver native Australian plants will continue to be a great solution into the future. Here are some brilliant plants to try in hot sunny garden beds or pots:- Adenanthus 'Woolly Bush', Eremophila 'Blue Velvet', Ragodia 'Aussie Flatbush', Conostylis Silver Sunrise and the stunning Actinotus 'Starbright'.

## In the Garden – January

### Plant

- New Guinea Impatiens in shady areas for vibrant colour
- Coleus en masse for a spectacular foliage display
- Plant stunning Grafted Flowering Gums for the months of Summer flowering and attract native birds.
- Flowering Gardenias to bring the scent of summer into your garden and can create a great flowering hedge.
- New Dwarf Frangipanis to get over those post holiday blues for that 365 day resort feel

### Care

- Give roses a summer prune. Cut off a third of the bush and open up the centre for a healthier plant.
- Add water storing crystals to pots and hanging baskets for a spectacular, water-wise display.
- Give your vegies a seaweed based plant tonic fortnightly to help them cope with the hot dry conditions.
- Bait citrus plants, with a Citrus leaf miner trap.
- Bait susceptible plants to help control fruit fly.
- Feed citrus, roses, hibiscus and flowering annuals

## Hot Deals – January

### Plants Plus Fruit & Citrus Fertiliser 5kg

# HOT OFFER 50% Off

## Was \$16.98ea Now \$8.49ea

Offer expires the 31st of January 2019 or whilst stocks last.

### Eremophila Blue Velvet 200mm

(Grafted)

# HOT OFFER 15% Off

## Was \$39.98ea Now \$33.98ea

Offer expires the 18th of January 2019 or whilst stocks last.

### Actinotus Starbright 140mm

# HOT OFFER 20% Off

## Was \$19.98ea Now \$15.98ea

Offer expires the 31st of January 2019 or whilst stocks last.

