



The Bellbird



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Plant of the Month - March

Tibouchina 'Jules'



Tibouchina 'Jules' make the perfect Autumn colour statement. They are quick growing and also a royal purple coloured prolific flowering plant. At only 1m high they are great in pots, as stand alone garden features or they make a stunning low hedge or border planting.

In the Garden - March

Plant

- Dwarf Lemon and Lime trees with full size fruit
- Plant Autumn flowering natives like Grevillea's to attract the birds
- Sow Sweet Peas on St Patrick's Day
- Plant your Brassicas now for Winter harvest (Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts)
- Winter-Spring flowering bulbs mid-season when the soil cools
- Plant poppies in a sunny spot on Anzac Day

Care

- Give Camellias a good dose of Plants Plus Azalea and Camellia Food at the beginning of March.
- Give your lawns a quick boost feed with Sudden Impact for Lawns.
- Keep an eye out for hungry aphids on young shoots and buds. Knock them out with Pyrethrum spray.
- Harvest Autumn fruit and vegetables including late season Tomatoes and Pumpkins.

The Succulent Garden

Like fashion, many things come in and out of popularity. In recent years we have seen the rise and rise of the succulent category of plants. Gardeners continue to look for hardy low water using plants, their architecture and form are quite amazing and inspire many. The comeback of indoor plants has also increased the popularity of many succulents including varieties of Rhipsalis which are especially suited to lower light situations. During a recent trip to the west coast of America, we were amazed by how mature this trend was, in Californian garden design. Californians have been using both local and exotic species for many years and they are creating stunning gardens using succulents as the main backbone of landscape plantings which are also often accompanied by many great hardy Aussie native plants.

What's on in March

Autumn Catalogue Sale

Starts on Saturday the 16th of March.

Featuring lots of great inspirational gardening ideas and fantastic deals on plenty of your favourite plants and other gardening products.

Supporting Community

Plants Plus Cumberland Forest are proud to support our community. On the 17th of March 10am – 2pm at 18 Fairway Drive Norwest (Kellyville on google maps) Cranbrooke Residences have their Open Garden Day. Experience their beautiful Garden tour and help raise money to support 'Hills Community Aid' \$5 entry (children under 12 are free). Lucky gate prize donated by Plants Plus Cumberland Forest.