



Native Plant Nursery  
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## **TIPS FOR PLANTING NATIVES**

**Your plants have been grown with love in the Trillion Trees Community Nursery by our dedicated volunteers. Follow these steps to create your very own native plant paradise.**

**PREPARE** Dig a hole to fit your plant. Loosen the soil to twice the length of the pot and twice as wide to allow the roots to spread. Fill the hole with water and wait for it to drain away. Adding a wetting agent to the soil is a great idea. You can also add native slow release fertiliser and a native soil conditioner (50:50 with original soil) for best results.

**PLANT** Remove your plant gently from the pot. Place the plant in the hole making sure the top of the soil sits just below the soil in the ground. Back fill the hole and firm the soil down around the plant.

**WATER AND NUTRIENTS** Water your new plants in well. Native plants love liquid kelp, such as Seasol or similar, which is beneficial for improving the soil biology by encouraging micro-organisms.

**MULCH** To help insulate against drying out and to restrict weeds, apply mulch approx. 10cm deep, keeping it away from the stem as this can cause rot.

**CARE** Water every day for the first few days, then twice a week for a few weeks, then once a week. Keep this up for the first summer until your plants are established. Watering less often, but deeply is best.