

Community PlantAid Nursery

Some of the plants available at the nursery at the moment are:

Eriostemon

Eriostemon (many members are now called *Philotheca*) is an interesting genus of small to medium shrubs having star-like flowers in Spring. They are generally frost hardy and drought resistant and don't readily self-seed. They should be lightly pruned after flowering to maintain a compact shape and can even be turned into a low hedge. Look out for *Eriostemon myoporoides* (Long-leafed Waxflower) and some hybrid forms at the nursery.

Liriope muscari (Lilyturf)

Liriope muscari reaches a height of about 30cm. and has spikes of violet-mauve flowers above the foliage for a long period. Is used traditionally as a border plant and can be planted en masse and even under trees or in pots. Prefers some shade but will grow in sunny position quite happily. Considered to be a 'tough plant' and will handle dry conditions as well as wet!

Liriope should be divided when the clumps become congested. (The plants at the nursery seem to have been potted by the donor in clay and should be washed and divided prior to planting out.)

There are also some *Liriope muscari* 'Big Blue' at the nursery. This form has coarser leaves, grows a little larger than the species and has blue flowers. Essentially requires the same growing conditions as the species.

Correa

To quote the Australian Plants online web page

"Correas could be dubbed the "Bread and Butter" plants of our native flora. Mostly they are easily grown in various soil types in sun or part shade. Once established, plants flower attractively for several weeks from early autumn to late spring."

There are a number of forms at the nursery in particular "Dusky Bells". This hybrid grows rarely to more than 0.5m in height with perhaps a spread of >1m and is covered with pink/carmine bell flowers which are attractive to birds. Flowers from autumn through to spring. Excellent groundcover and can be pruned to maintain neatness.

Westringia

Westringia 'Wynyabbie Gem' is an open shrub about 1.5m tall x 1.5 m wide with grey green foliage and produces lilac to blue flowers mainly in spring but also sporadically. Is drought tolerant and frost resistant and tolerates heavy pruning so makes a great hedge and can be made into topiary.

There are also some *W. fruticosa* (white flowers).at the nursery which can be hedged as well.