



The Clay Soil Challenge



Clay soils can be very challenging – dry and hard in summer, boggy and wet in winter. They are potentially fertile soils as clay holds onto nutrients. Before planting, mix a spadeful of soil improver to add air and nutrient to this dense soil. The following plants grow successfully in clay soils.

Ground Covers

- Callistemon 'Rocky Rambler'
- Eremophila glabra prostrate
- Grevillea 'Royal Mantle'
- Hemiandra pungens
- Hibbertia scandens (snake vine)
- Kennedia prostrata
- Grevillea obtusifolia 'Gingin Gem'

Small Plants (to 1m)

- Acacia glaucoptera (clay wattle)
- Acacia pulchella (prickly moses)
- Calothamnus sanguineus
- Callistemon Little John
- Calytrix acutifolia
- Darwinia citriodora
- Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon'
- Hypocalymma angustifolium
- Verticordia densiflora (feather flower)
- Westringia fruticosa (native rosemary)

Medium Plants (1-3m)

- Baeckea virgata (twiggy heath myrtle)
- Callistemon Endeavor
- Calothamnus quadrifidus
- Grevillea 'Ivanhoe'
- Grevillea 'Boongala Spinebill'
- Grevillea 'Superb'
- Kunzea vestita
- Melaleuca fulgens (scarlet honey myrtle)
- Melaleuca hypericifolia (hillock bush)
- Melaleuca lateritia (robin red breast)
- Melaleuca Little Nessie

Large Plants (over 3m)

- Acacia saligna (golden wreath wattle)
- Acacia spectabilis (mudgee wattle)
- Acacia vestita (hairy wattle)
- Syzygium cultivars
- Callistemon 'Kings Park Special'
- Callistemon viminalis (bottlebrush)
- Dodonaea viscosa (hop bush)
- Hakea laurina (pincushion hakea)
- Hakea multilineata, francisiana
- Melaleuca armillaris (bracelet honey myrtle)
- Melaleuca nesophila (western tea myrtle)
- Melaleuca 'Revolution Green'

Trees

- Casuarina glauca (swamp sheoak)
- Eucalyptus caesia
- Eucalyptus spathulata (swamp mallet)
- Eucalyptus torquata (Coral Gum)
- Melaleuca quinquenervia (cadgeput)

Grasslike Plants

- Anigozanthos flavidus (Albany roo paw)
- Ficinia nodosa (Formerly Isolepis nodosa)
- Juncus pallidus (pale rush)
- Lomandra longifolia cultivars
- Patersonia occidentalis

Climbers

- Billardiera heterophylla (Formerly Sollya)
- Kennedia rubicunda (dusky coral pea)
- Hardenbergia comptoniana
- Pandorea jasminoides