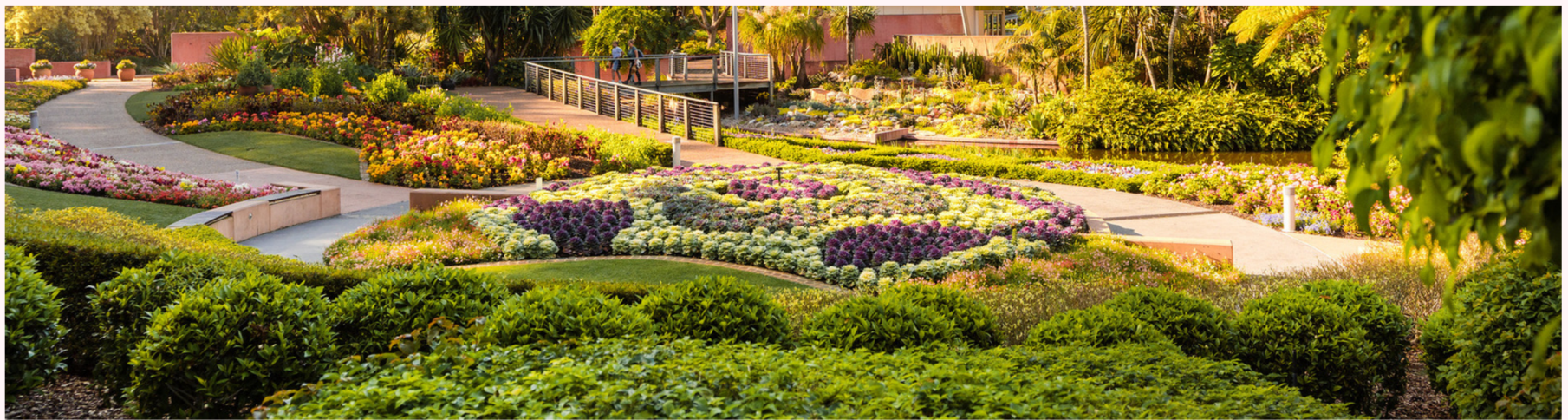


# Remarkable Seasonal Plants

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Roma Street Parkland's volunteer guides prepare this leaflet to showcase the most remarkable specimens in optimum display each month – whether it be for their flowers, fruit or foliage.

Roma Street Parkland was designed with the theme 'the world of subtropical horticulture'. This is primarily exhibited across three principal zones:

**The Spectacle Garden in Colin Campbell Place** – a representative range of species from throughout the subtropical areas of the world; the garden has an ever changing display of seasonal colour and subtropical foliage.

**Comparative Gardens** – a series of gardens in the upper parkland which enable comparative display of Australian species with plants from other similar world regions including the Proteaceae garden and the Aridlands.

**Subtropical forest and lakeshore gardens** – a representative collection of species from the subtropical areas of Australia.



# Roma Street Parkland

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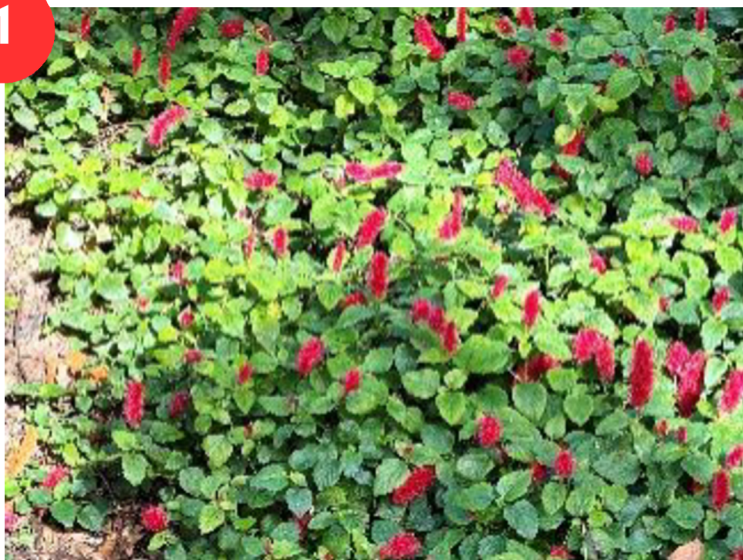
# Spectacle Garden and surrounds

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## ***Acalypha reptans* 'Stephie' Dwarf Chenille Plant**

*This dwarf cultivar of the larger Acalypha species often used for hedges, is a very useful, hardy, dense and colourful carpeting ground cover for full sun or part shade.*

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## ***Abutilon* hybrid - Chinese Lanterns**

*As its name implies this decorative shrub originates from China and thrives in the subtropical climate regions, flowering in the cooler months in warm colours from yellow to red.*

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## *Pachystachys lutea*

Shrimp Plant or Golden Candle  
This soft-stemmed, broadleaved plant from lowland areas of Central and South America provides a decorative flowers in winter contrasting against heavily-veined, dark green leaves.

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## *Pyrostegia venusta*

Orange Trumpet Creeper or Flame Vine  
A very decorative vine endemic to tropical South America. It will scramble over any fence or pergola and give a short but brilliant floral display to enliven gardens in late-winter.

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## *Zoysia tenuifolia*

No Mow Grass. This very useful dark green, tufting grass forms a dense carpet to edge gardens or spillover low walls. Also provides an excellent walking surface that will out compete most lawn or garden weeds.

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## *Coffea arabica*

Coffee Plant. This decorative vivid green upright shrub to small tree originates in the highlands of Ethiopia but is now grown worldwide. This species produces more than 60% of the world's coffee. White flowers are followed by green beans ageing from red to black, picked, dried and processed.



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***Dianella atraxis***

Blue Flax Lily. This native plant is probably the most attractive of the *Dianella* species forming dense clusters of dark green shiny leaves to highlight the spikes of blue and yellow flowers followed by sprays of deep blue fruits.

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***Dichorisandra thrysifolia***

Blue Ginger. A very useful member of the ginger family with tall fleshy canes supporting attractive fleshy leaves with deep blue mauve flower spikes to add colour and texture to shady garden areas.

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***Olea europaea***

Olive Tree . If you love olives but don't have space for a tree, then why not espalier one against a sunny side boundary fence and keep training it by attaching to cables and regular formative pruning.

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***Syzygium suborbiculare***

Lady Apple. This stately tree from the rainforests of far North Queensland is producing large numbers of pink fruits that when ripe taste like a crispy sour apple. They develop from massed clusters of decorative white flowers.



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***Vireya hybrids***

Tropical Rhododendron. Surprisingly some species of Rhododendron will grow in our subtropical climate, this collection grow naturally across the equatorial zone of south east Asia and far north Queensland, but need moisture and shade to succeed.

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***Phlebodium aureum***

Blue Star Fern. Most ferns are a deep rich green but in contrast this is one of very few with a dominant silver blue colour to accentuate its interesting foliage textures and patterns as a garden focal point.

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***Murraya paniculata***

Min a Min. Everyone is familiar with ubiquitous Murraya 'Mock Orange' hedges, perhaps you did not know that this miniature cultivar can be used to make a more gentle and sculptural addition to the garden using your artistic talents.

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***Brassica oleracea***

Ornamental Kale or Cabbage. This is a colourful and decorative cultivar of the well-known vegetable Kale a member of the cabbage family. It is edible both cooked and raw, but is also very useful to create unique patterns in contemporary gardens.



# Comparative Gardens

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## ***Liquidambar styraciflua***

'Liquidambar' originates in the warm moist areas of subtropical eastern USA and Central America. This large attractive upright deciduous tree is one of the few that provide dependable colourful autumn foliage in Brisbane.

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## ***Beaucarnea recurvata***

'Elephant's Foot' or 'Pony Tail Palm', is native to the desert areas of Mexico and southern USA. The textured trunk and strap-like leaves give the common name. Arching flower heads of tiny white flowers, followed by pink seeds, emerge from the top crown of the plant.

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# Subtropical forest and lakeshore gardens

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**Subtropical forest and lakeshore gardens –** a representative collection of species from the subtropical areas of Australia.

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## ***Grevillea cultivars***

Red Spider Flower. This is one of a number of *Grevillea* cultivars in the Proteaceae Garden which all flower intermittently for most of the year, but with the most prolific display in late winter to spring. They all prefer full sun and moist but well-draining low phosphorous soils.

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## ***Cycas media***

Australian Zamia Palm. This very decorative Australian native plant can make a very interesting focal point for the garden to display its strong sculptural trunk and foliage form, but the fruiting adds additional interest

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