

DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

December is here, and hopefully you have had a chance to take a step back and reflect on the hard work you've put into your garden this year. Whether you've established a vegetable patch, repurposed unused spaces or simply rejuvenated what was already there, be sure to take a moment to enjoy the fruits of your labour.

DECEMBER BIRTH FLOWERS



POINSETTIA

There really isn't a plant that would be more fitting for December's birth flower than Poinsettia!

Poinsettia is actually a succulent, and enjoys a warm temperate, sub-tropical or tropical climate. They can be planted in the garden but are mostly seen in pots as part of festive displays throughout December. The bright red blooms of these festive flowers are a true Christmas favourite.

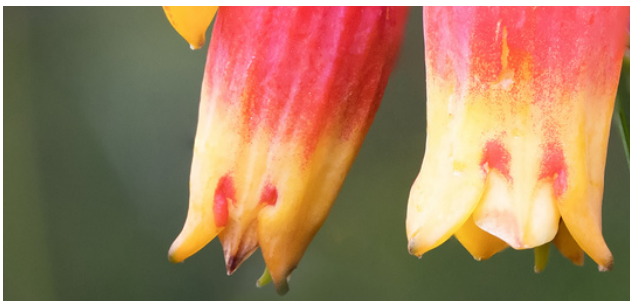
Feed with **Strike Back for Orchids** Advanced Biological Formula throughout the flowering season for the best results.



CHRISTMAS BELLS

Flowering during the festive period, the native flower of the month could be none other than Blandifordia, better known as Christmas Bells.

Christmas Bells are endemic to eastern Australia, primarily on the coast and nearby ranges between Sydney NSW and Fraser Island QLD.



They require light shade to full sun conditions and grow best in moist sandy soils that are free draining. They benefit greatly from regular feeds with a native fertiliser like **Bush Tucker** to aid in strong root development and plenty of healthy blooms.

DECEMBER FERTILISING GUIDE



Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.



WATER

It's time to water! Water your garden beds deeply. Your garden will respond better to a good soak less often rather than a little sprinkle every couple of days.

Add in a monthly dose of **GOGO Juice** to keep the soil equipped to deal with the challenging summer conditions.



ROSES

Feed your roses with **Sudden Impact for Roses** to encourage a strong flush of flowers and to help minimize pest and disease problems and make your plants more resistant to the stresses of heat and drought.

You can find out more about summer rose care using the culture notes on our website.





POTTED PLANTS

Don't let your pots dry out this summer! If you plan to head away for the holiday season, be sure to give them a good drink and feed with **Strike Back for Orchids** pellets of Advanced Biological Formula.

If using pellets, you can view our application rate relative to your post size below.



LAWNS

Watch your lawn over the summer months and be sure not to mow it too short. The longer blades will provide shade and protection for the soil which keeps it cooler and decreases the amount of evaporation.

Apply **Sudden Impact for Lawns + POPUL8** granules or Advanced Biological Formula.



MULCH

Give the soil in your garden beds and pots the ultimate protection by mulching with **Whoflungdung**.

Apply a uniform layer over the entire garden at 25mm to 100mm deep to cover the soil, making sure to leave a 100mm gap around the base of any plants, trees or shrubs. Water it in well.





FERNS AND GREENERY

Ferns and shade loving plants will also feel the heat this summer. Top up your greenery with a seaweed solution like **Seamungus** Advanced Biological Formula.

Seaweed contains naturally occurring growth stimulants along with a huge range of other essential elements that have the ability to aid in the protection of plants from heat stress.



VEGETABLES

Apply **Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit & Citrus** or **Human Beans** over your vegetables this season including tomatoes, eggplant, chilli and zucchini.

This will keep you busy with picking, eating, pickling and cooking!



GARDENIAS

Gardenias are lovely over the summer months. With a little more attention, their glossy, deep green leaves and large white or yellow rose-like flowers will put on an exquisite show.

Feed with **Kahoona** and water it in well with **GOGO Juice**.





NATIVES

Native plants will appreciate a feed with **Bush Tucker** Advanced Biological Formula which is boosted with bacteria and fungi to increase disease resistance.

The added microbiology in **Bush Tucker** liquid will assist the plants greatly during summer.



POTTED PLANT FERTILISING GUIDE

All potted plants will benefit from year round fertilising to keep them thriving throughout each season. Application rates differ depending on the size of the pot you are using, so to make it easier for you, Neutrog have put together the basic guide below.

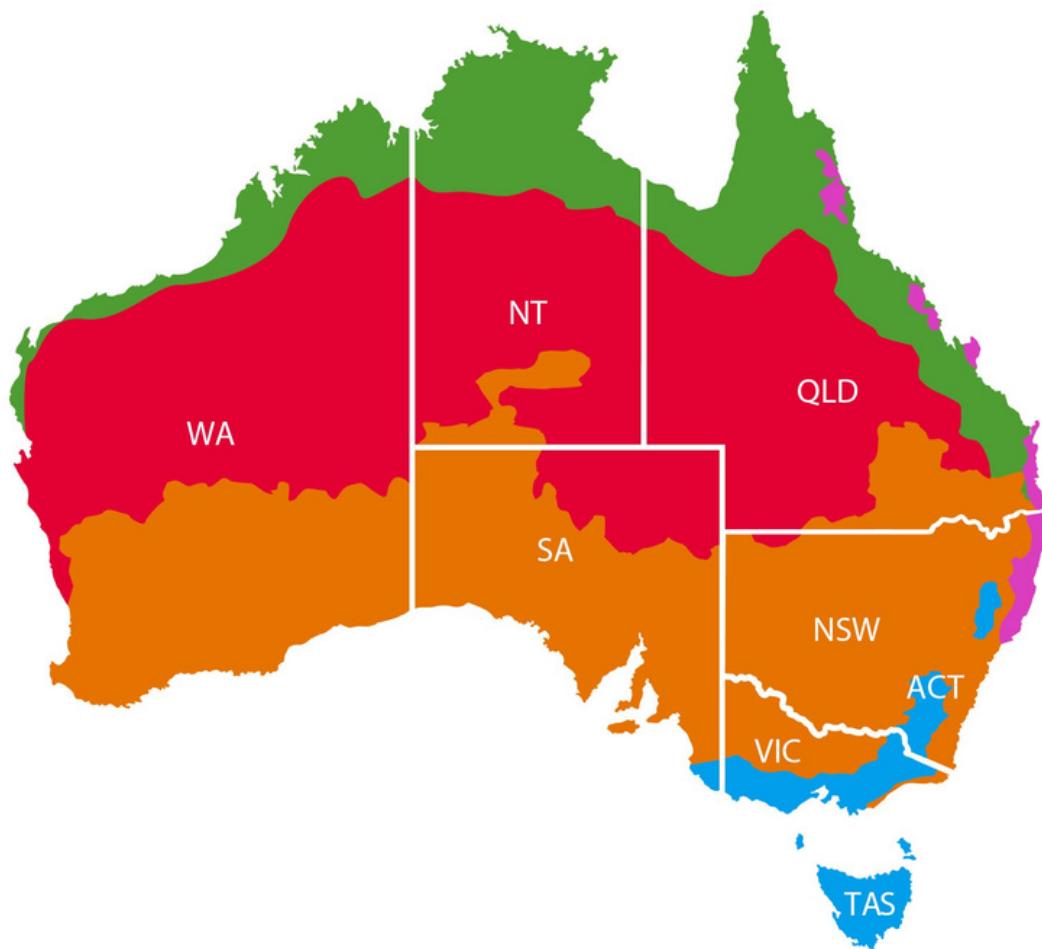


Pot Size	40"/100cm	30"/76cm	20"/50cm	12"/30cm	6"/15cm
Strike Back for Orchids:	100g	75g	50g	30g	15g
Sudden Impact for Roses:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Kahoona:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Seamungus:	250g	190g	125g	75g	40g
Bush Tucker:	150g	115g	75g	45g	25g
Cyganic:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Human Beans:	250g	190g	125g	75g	40g

DECEMBER PLANTING GUIDE

Whether your adding new plants to the garden, reviving the soil after removing sick plants or simply preparing your garden for the season ahead, all gardens will benefit from our 'trifecta' of GOGO Juice, Seamungus and Whoflungdung to ensure a biologically active base for plants to thrive in.

With plenty of great fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers to plant now, a boost of microbiology will reward gardeners with plants that are resilient to stress, pests and diseases.



COOL ZONE: Melbourne, Tasmania and Cool Highlands**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

Asian Greens	Kohlrabi
Beans	Leek
Beetroot	Lettuce
Broccoli	Melon
Brussels Spouts	Parsnip
Cabbage	Potato
Capsicum	Pumpkin
Chilli	Radish
Carrot	Rhubarb
Cauliflower	Silverbeet
Radicchio	Spring Onion
Cucumber	Swede
Eggplant	Sweet Corn
Endive	Tomato
Fennel	Turnip
Kale	Zucchini

HERBS

Basil
Chevril
Chives
Dill
Mint
Parsley

FLOWERS

Alyssum
Cleome
Hollyhock
Lupin
Marigold
Nasturtiums
Poppy
Sturt's Desert
Pea
Viola

WARM ZONE: Sydney, Perth, Adelaide and Inland NSW/VIC**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

Artichoke	Leek
Asian Greens	Lettuce
Beans	Melon
Beetroot	Parsnip
Cabbage	Potato
Capsicum	Pumpkin
Carrot	Radish
Chilli	Silver Beet
Cauliflower	Spring Onion
Cucumber	Sweet Corn
Eggplant	Sweet Potato
Fennel	Tomato
Kale	Zucchini
Kohlrabi	

HERBS

Basil
Chevril
Chives
Dill
Ginger
Mint
Parsley

FLOWERS

Alyssum
Borage
Cleome
Cosmos
Echinacea
Lupin
Marigold
Nasturtiums
Poppy
Salvia Seeds
Sturt's Desert
Pea
Sunflowers
Viola
Zinnia

HOT ZONE: Arid or Outback Areas including Geraldton, Warburton and Mt Isa**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

Beans	Melon
Capsicum	Potato
Chilli	Pumpkin
Cucumber	Radish
Eggplant	Tomato
Leek	Zucchini
Lettuce	

HERBS

Basil
Ginger

FLOWERS

Marigold
Petunia
Salvia

TROPICAL ZONE: Broome, Darwin and Townsville

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Asian Greens
Beans
Capsicum
Chilli
Cucumber
Eggplant
Sweet Corn
Sweet Potato
Tomato

HERBS

Basil
Ginger

FLOWERS

Balsam
Celosia
Cockscomb
Marigold
Petunia
Salvia
Sunflower
Vinca

SUB-TROPICAL ZONE: Byron Bay, Brisbane and Rockhampton

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Asian Greens
Beans
Capsicum
Chilli
Cucumber
Eggplant
Lettuce
Pumpkin

Radish
Rockmelon
Sweet Corn
Sweet Potato
Tomato
Watermelon
Zucchini

HERBS

Basil
Ginger

FLOWERS

Cosmos
Marigold
Marigold
Petunia
Sunflower

KEEP IN TOUCH

Stay in the loop with all things Neutrog by following our Facebook and Instagram pages. We are always posting seasonal gardening and fertilising tips along with plenty of information about Neutrog products and R&D projects.

You can also learn more about the products mentioned in this guide by visiting our website.