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GRAFTED FLOWERING GUMS (CORYMBIAS) General Information

***Corymbia ficifolia* “Dwarf Orange”**

Unlike other flowering gums that are sold as ‘dwarf’ this tiny variety of Western Australia’s *C. ficifolia* is a genuine dwarf tree with short internodal length and a maximum size of 3 m high x 2-3 m wide when fully grown. It is best planted where it gets full sun or near to it, and makes an ideal focus plant for a garden.

Because it is so small, it is a slow grower and may take 8-10 or more years to reach its full size. As it is grafted, it flowers profusely from its first year of growth. Dwarf Orange has a mass of almost fluorescent orange coloured flowers, and is small enough to be suitable for tub planting or growing on patios.

If grown in a container on the ground, it is a good idea to make a series of 50 mm drainage holes in the bottom. This allows the roots to penetrate the soil and so saves watering. This does not apply if grown in tubs on patios etc with hard surfaces. The flowering period is anywhere between December and April.

***Corymbia ficifolia* “Lollypops”**

This flowering gum’s parent tree is 5 m high x 3 m wide, so it is still a very small tree when compared with other *C. ficifolias*. The variety was chosen for its beautiful pink colour, small size and profuse flowering. As it is grafted, it flowers profusely from its first year of growth, but it is still a slow grower, and may take 8-10 years or more to reach its full size.

Because it is a slightly taller tree than the ‘Dwarf’ Corymbias, it is more suited to garden situations, but it is still a great focus plant. It also needs to be planted in full sun, and the flowering period is anywhere between December and April.

***Corymbia ficifolia* “Little Sweetie”**

Another dwarf variety of Western Australia’s *Corymbia ficifolia*, with short internode length and a maximum size of 4 m high x 2-3 m wide when fully grown. It is best planted where it gets full sun or near to it, and makes an ideal focus plant for a garden. The nuts that follow the flowers can be pruned off if you want extra tree growth. The tree itself can be pruned to shape if so desired.

Because it is so small, it is a slow grower and may take 8-10 or more years to reach its full size. As it is grafted, it flowers profusely from its first year of growth.



'Little Sweetie' has profuse, mauve-pink flowers with gold tipped stamens, and is small enough to be suitable for tub planting or growing on patios.

If grown in a container on the ground, it is a good idea to make a series of 50 mm drainage holes in the bottom. This allows the roots to penetrate the soil and so saves watering. This does not apply if grown in tubs on patios or hard surfaces. The flowering period is anywhere between December and April.

***Corymbia ficifolia* "Wild Fires"**

"Wild Fires" is a spectacular small tree that is a striking red form of Western Australia's flowering gum. It flowers throughout summer and is smothered with trusses of intense red flowers with gold tipped stamens. This tree grows to about six meters when fully grown, so it is an excellent garden specimen rather than a tub specimen.

An annual prune of the gum nuts will help to keep its profuse flowering habit. Once it is established this small tree requires no extra watering.

All these flowering gums have been selected because they are outstanding in the following areas:

- The intense colour of their flowers
- How floriferous the tree is – the amount of flowers carried each season.
- The small size of the tree – its maximum height.
- The neat and compact normal growth habit.
- The toughness and drought resistance of the tree.
- The health and vigour of the parent tree.