

plant type

- native trees and shrubs

water hardiness



Indigofera australis

austral indigo

An open spreading shrub growing to 2m in height and width. Blue-grey foliage and sprays of mauve-pink pea-shaped flowers in spring are a feature of this plant.



top ten

butterfly attracting
small plants for small
gardens

origin

All Australian states.

cultural notes

A hardy plant that adapts to full sun or full shade and flowers well in both. It is not fussy about soils provided they are well drained.

project type

urban and commercial
residential

maintenance

Should be pruned from early age to encourage an attractive shape. Can be pruned quite hard but pruning into old wood should be avoided.

soil type and drainage

light - sandy soils
medium - loamy soils
heavy - clay soils
good drainage

tolerates

Frost and drought tolerant once established.

flowering season

Late Winter, Spring, early Summer.

flower colour

Mauve pink pea style flowers occur in long heads.

foliage colour

Blue-green pinnate leaves to 10cm in length with a soft, velvety texture.

width

up to 2m

height

up to 2m

plant spacing

50cm apart

recommended uses

An attractive shrub that is under-utilised as a garden plant.

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