

# Garden Guide

## September

### Feature Plant

## Eggplant



**Eggplants!** September is a great time to try out one of the many strangely shaped varieties of Eggplant! Related to potatoes and tomatoes, the fruit is known as a vegetable, but it is actually a berry fruit by botanical definition!

Eggplants are very frost tender and love the sunshine so be sure to plant these in an area that receives all day sunshine in a richly composted and fertilised soil. Digging in a composted manure based fertiliser like Katek Super Booster or Katek Super Growth will help get them off to a great start.

Keep up a regular watering regime during the warm spring days and mulch your eggplants well to prevent weeds growing and ensure moisture remains in the soil.

For superior results use Katek's Super Growth Liquid fertiliser every 1 to 3 weeks until the fruit develops.

At around 12 weeks, there should be an abundant crop to harvest!

### Did You Know?

If your plants are looking a bit sick with yellow leaves, it could be that they are lacking in Magnesium. Sprinkling a bit of Epsom salts around the garden will help bring those leaves back to a lush green!

*"Earth Laughs in Flowers"*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Feature Product

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## What to Plant

### Flowers

#### Cool Climate/Temperate

Alyssum	Aster	Crysanthemum
Cornflower	Dahlia	Dianthus
Foxglove	Gazania	Hollyhock
Impatiens	Lobelia	Marigold
Petunia	Salvia	Zinnia

#### Subtropical

Ageratum	Aster	Balsam
Carnation	Cosmos	Dianthus
Geranium	Gerbera	Impatiens
Marigold	Pansy	Petunia
Rudebeckia	Sunflower	Verbena

#### Tropical

Ageratum	Amaranthus	Begonia
Crysanthemum	Coxscomb	Coleus
Cosmos	Dahlia	Dianthus
Gerbera	Kangaroo Paw	Marigold
Petunia	Portulaca	Salvia
Sunflower	Torenia	Verbena

## Lawn Feature



nitrogen complete fertiliser will help the lawn recover from Winter and encourage green healthy growth into Spring. Regular applications throughout the year will help maintain a lush green lawn.

-  Remove any dead branches from shrubs, trees and perennials once they've sprouted new spring growth.
-  Shape and thin out hedges once spring growth has appeared.
-  Start spring and summer veges and herbs from seed indoors and transplant into the garden once they are around 3cm tall.
-  Cut back cordylines to encourage branching lower down. Prunings can be used to strike new plants later on.
-  Cut back ornamental grasses and hibiscus bushes.

## Super Chicken's Top Tips



### Vegetables/Herbs

#### Cool Climate/Temperate

Beans	Beetroot	Capsicum
Cucumber	Leeks	Potato
Pumpkin	Rockmelon	Silverbeet
Sweet Corn	Tomato	Turnip

#### Subtropical

Artichokes	Asparagus	Basil
Capsicum	Coriander	Eggplant
Fennel	Pumpkin	Sweet Potato
Tomato	Turnip	Watermelon

#### Tropical

Basil	Ginger	Sweet Corn
Sweet Potato	Taro	

### Watering

Overwatering can be worse for grass than under-watering. Water replaces air in the soil, which starves it of oxygen & inhibits growth. Infrequent watering encourages a nice deep root system and works better than a little sprinkle everyday.

**Fertilising** Poultry manure is a great, nutrient rich fertiliser for your lawn. All lawn types benefit from this type of fertiliser. In Spring a higher