

# Garden Guide

## July



### Feature Plant

## Eggplant



Grilled Eggplant? Eggplant Lasagne?

This wonderful fruit is making a comeback in the kitchen. Always thought of as one of the ugliest fruits to grow, in modern gardens you can find all sorts of colours and sizes to suit your palette. Growing conditions for these tasty purple treats include an organic matter rich soil in a sunny spot that is well draining. If planting when soil temps are still cool, sow seed inside and plant out once all threat of frost has passed.

Eggplants prefer soil that is not soggy, but that is kept moist with regular infrequent watering. Plants that don't receive enough water will produce small and bitter fruit.

A regular feeding with a liquid fertiliser or all purpose pelletised fertiliser will give them a continuous release of nutrients to keep them growing and producing fruit. Apply a layer of mulch to keep the soil moist and keep down weeds.

Did you know? Eggplants and tomatoes are close relatives. It's best not to plant them in soil that tomatoes have been growing in, for at least 2 years afterwards.



### Did you know?

Its best to only give your pot plants a weekly water if needed as most plants slow growth or become dormant over the Winter months.

*“If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden”*

Robert Breault

### Feature Product

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## What to Plant

### Flowers

#### Cool Climate/Temperate

Alyssum	Aquilegia	Begonia
Calendula	Cineraria	Cornflower
Delphinium	Dianthus	Foxglove
Geranium	Hollyhock	Larkspur
Lobelia	Nemesia	Pansy
Polyanthus	Poppy	Primula
Ranunculus	Snapdragon	Viola

#### Subtropical

Ageratum	Alyssum	Candytuft
Carnation	Cornflower	Cyclamen
Delphinium	Dianthus	Everlasting Daisy
Geranium	Iceland Poppy	Impatiens
Marigold	Pansy	Sweet Pea

#### Tropical

Ageratum	Aster	Balsam
Carnation	Cosmos	Dahlia
Dianthus,	Everlasting Daisy	Gazania
Geranium	Gerbera	Impatiens
Kangaroo Paw	Marigold	Nasturtium
Petunia	Portulaca	Snapdragon
Sunflower	Verbena	Zinnia

## Feature Garden






### Ross Cotton, Hervey Bay QLD

Ross Cotton lives in coastal Hervey Bay and grows organic, chemical free produce for local customers.



A long time Katek advocate, Ross uses a variety of Katek products in his garden, including Super Booster, Potting Mix and Super Growth. No other products are used.



-  Prune Roses & follow up with a spray of Lime Sulphur.
-  Fertilise winter growing vegetables mid-morning with our Super Growth All Purpose Liquid Fertilizer
-  Reduce frost injury by gently hosing over plants first thing in the morning. Don't remove frost-damaged sections of plants to provide protection to the still growing plants underneath.
-  Prune plants that flowered in summer or autumn
-  Prepare your vege patch for spring with some composted manure pellets like Super Booster.

## Super Chicken's Top Tips



### Vegetables/Herbs

#### Cool Climate/Temperate

Broad Beans	Onions	Garlic
Peas & Snow Peas	Radishes	Shallots
Spinach		

#### Subtropical

Cabbage	Garlic	Lettuce
Marjoram	Spinach	Thyme

#### Tropical

Basil	Broccoli	Capsicum
Cucumber	Lettuce	Rocket
Pak Choy	Radish	Turnip