



# MOSQUITO REPELLENT PLANTS

## IS YOUR GARDEN ATTRACTIVE TO MOSQUITOES?

Mosquitoes like shaded, cool, wet gardens. To deter mosquitoes, consider the following:

- » Mosquitoes don't like wind.
- » Clean gardens mean fewer mosquitoes.
- » Mosquitoes like hanging out in some plants more than others. Unfavourable plants are known as "mosquito repellent plants".

The following plants are unfavourable homes for mosquitos, and some can even be applied to your skin to act as a personal mosquito repellent. Care should be taken as some people can be sensitive to these plants and it is recommended that you test small areas of skin before use.

For further advice on plant selections please contact your local nursery or garden centre.



Leptospermum Liversidgei

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#### The mossie blocker

This plant is suitable for smaller gardens, growing to about 2 metres high. The leaves are strongly lemon-scented due to the presence of citronella.

### CORYMBIA CITRIDORA

(Lemon-scented gum)

This large tree grows to 35m. Its leaves are used to make citronella oil which repels mosquitos. Leaves can be crushed and applied to the skin.

## HERBS

Suggested mosquito repellent herbs include lemongrass, mint, rosemary, garlic, lemon thyme, basil as well as plants such as lavender and citronella grass. A mild repellent spray can be made by soaking a combination of these in water for 24 hours and applying to problem areas.



Rosemary

## MARIGOLDS

These hardy annual flowers contain pyrethrum which repels mosquitos. They can be planted in pots and put around doorways or in garden beds. The leaves can also be rubbed onto the skin.



Marigolds