Mosquito Repellent Plants

DID YOU KNOW?

Mossies like shaded, cool, wet gardens.

- Your garden could be a hiding place for mossies.
- Mossies don’t like wind.
- Clean gardens mean fewer mossies.
- Some plants and herbs grown in many gardens today may have a potential to repel mossies.

Pelargonium citrosa (The Mossie buster)

This plant can be grown in the garden or in pots, for localised protection against mosquitoes. They grow to 1.3 metres and release a citronella scent, which lingers in the surrounding area and may repel mosquitoes. These plants are ideal for BBQ areas and verandas.

Leptospermum liversidgei (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 which is suggested to deter mosquitoes.

Pennyroyal, Marigold, Basil and Rue

Plant these in pots near doorways and windows. The leaves of these plants can also be rubbed onto the skin.

Mint, Garlic and Lavender

An all-purpose insect repellent. Use in a spray with equal parts Mint, Lavender, Onion and Garlic. Put cuttings from these plants in water for 24 hours, strain and apply with spray bottle around problem areas.

Try these suggested plants to see if they work. 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.