



EYRE NATIVE SEEDS

Q. If I like plants that grow so well on the coast, can I plant these species in my back yard?

A. Yes! This is possible if you have similar soil type. But if you have more of the loam to clay soils, one trick is to bring the existing top soil together to form a mound. Then in the middle of the mound form a wok shape or dish, shape that will hold water when required. By doing this surface roots of the plant are able to stay free draining and will not rot in the cooler wetter months.

Q. Why is it that I have planted a plant in a particular spot in my garden several times and for some reason the plant seems to get to a certain size then dies? Even when I look after it!

A. One reasons for this, could be that there is a large sheet of Limestone or Granite rock under the surface, through summer the rock can heat up and cook the roots of the plant.

Q. I have planted several *Allocasurina verticillata* (Drooping Sheoak) on my property they are growing beautifully when suddenly a branch will snap off in the wind or the trunk will snap of part way up. Why is this so?

A. On close inspection, you may find there is a hole where the break has happened, or the break appears to be clean. Here a borer has drilled into the bark and been feeding on inside of the limb or trunk, weakening it, causing it to snap.

Q. I have planted several species of Eucalyptus on my property, they have been doing really well and are at waist height now, but this year in late autumn the leaves appear to be being eaten. Each day the plant seems to have less leaves. Will this kill the tree?

A. Normally this will not kill a Eucalyptus, the damage is usually caused by a caterpillar. Some times this can happen when Eucalypts have been watered heavily in the summer and have put on lots of lovely fresh new growth. The tree should out grow this.