

Garden Ponds



Water features in gardens have always been popular and are becoming more so with a trend toward 'natural' style gardens. Whether large or small, garden ponds have the benefit of attracting visitors such as birds and frogs, allowing you to keep small fish, providing an air of tranquillity in the garden and allowing you to use plants that might not be suitable in other areas of your garden.

Reflections and light playing on the water are features that come as an added bonus. To enhance the area yourself you may use rocks, sculptures, moving water or lights. Strategically placed, these, along with plants can have a stunning effect. Keep it simple and try to reflect what nature might do if it had a chance to create its own pond. Perhaps add some elements of design to make the pond a focus point or even some quirky sculpture to create something unique!

Building the basis of a pond will require some expertise from a tradesman with the know-how but the finishing touches and turning it into part of your garden will rely on your imagination. Experiment and have fun!

Plant Suggestions for garden ponds

Plants that grow up to 1m

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Astelia chathamica</i>	Silver spear
<i>Blechnum capense</i>	Kio Kio Fern
<i>Blechnum discolor</i>	Crown Fern
<i>Gaultheria antipoda</i>	NZ Snowberry
<i>Haloragis erecta 'Bronze'</i>	Toatoa
<i>Hebe</i>	
<i>Hibiscus trionum</i>	Puarangi
<i>Leptospermum 'Tui', 'Huia', 'Kiwi'</i>	Dwarf Manuka
<i>Muehlenbeckia</i>	
<i>Mysotidium hortensa</i>	Forget-Me-Not
<i>Pachystegia insignis</i>	
<i>Parahebe</i>	Rock Daisy
<i>Phormium cookianum & hybrids</i>	Flax
<i>Phormium tenax & hybrids</i>	Flax
<i>Sophora 'Dragons Gold'</i>	Dwarf Kowhai
<i>Sophora prostrata</i>	Prostrate Kowhai

Plants that grow 1m – 3m

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Brachyglottis repanda purp.</i>	Purple Rangiora
<i>Carmichaelia odorata</i>	Broom
<i>Clianthus spp</i>	Kakabeak
<i>Corokia spp</i>	Korokio
<i>Leptospermum hybrids</i>	Manuka
<i>Lophomyrtus spp</i>	
<i>Macropiper excelsa</i>	Kawakawa
<i>Macropiper melchoir</i>	
<i>Myrsine divaricata</i>	Weeping Mapou
<i>Olearia cheesemanii</i>	
<i>Phormium cookianum & hybrids</i>	Flax
<i>Phormium tenax & hybrids</i>	Flax
<i>Pseudowintera colerata</i>	Pepper tree

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Plants that grow 3m +

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Cordyline australis</i>	Cabbage Tree
<i>Cyathea dealbata</i>	Silver Fern / Ponga
<i>Cyathea medullaris</i>	Mamaku
<i>Dicksonia squarrosa</i>	Wheki
<i>Pennantia corymbosa</i>	Kaikomako
<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>	Lancewood
<i>Pseudopanax ferox</i>	Lancewood
<i>Schleffera digitata</i>	Pate

Groundcovers

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Aceana buchananii</i>	Bidibidi
<i>Aceana inermis purpurea</i>	Purple Bidibidi
<i>Arthropodium</i>	Renga Renga Lily
<i>Coprosma acerosa</i>	Sand Coprosma
<i>Coprosma 'Kirkii Variegata'</i>	Coprosma (mat)
<i>Coprosma 'Kiwi Gold'</i>	Coprosma (mat)
<i>Coprosma prostrate</i>	Coprosma (mat)
<i>Coprosma 'Taiko'</i>	Coprosma (mat)
<i>Disphyma australe</i>	NZ Ice Plant
<i>Fuchsia procumbens</i>	Prostrate Fuchsia
<i>Geranium traversii</i>	Chatham Island Geranium
<i>Gunnera prorepens</i>	
<i>Helichrysum spp</i>	Everlasting Daisy
<i>Isotoma fluviatilis</i>	
<i>Jovellana sinclairii violacea</i>	
<i>Leptinella spp</i>	Bachelor Buttons
<i>Leptospermum 'Red Falls'</i>	Prostrate Manuka
<i>Leptospermum 'Wairere Falls'</i>	Prostrate Manuka
<i>Pimelea prostrate 'Blue'</i>	NZ Daphne
<i>Pratia angulata</i>	Panakenake
<i>Scleranthus biflorus</i>	
<i>Selliera radicans</i>	

Grasses

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Aneanthele lessoniana</i>	Bamboo Grass
<i>Carex spp</i>	Sedge Grasses
<i>Chionchloa flavicans</i>	Snow Tussock
<i>Cortaderia toetoe</i>	Toe toe
<i>Dianella nigra</i>	NZ Blueberry
<i>Festuca coxii</i>	
<i>Juncus spp</i>	Rush
<i>Machaerina sinclairii</i>	Broad-leaved Sedge
<i>Poa Cita</i>	Silver Tussock
<i>Uncinia rubra</i>	Sedge Grass