

Rockery



A rockery garden can be a small corner or a larger area which could represent a dried riverbed, an alpine scree area, an avalanche of rocks strewn down from a hillside or a rocky outcrop. We have shown a dried riverbed theme with a pebbled path meandering through the plantings.

Rockeries generally use plants that prefer free-draining soils and an open, sunny situation. The inclusion of tree ferns in the drawing would suit gardens where the rockery is edging onto an area of existing trees to provide some shade and moisture.

Rockeries are generally sparsely planted with some dense groups of rounded shrubs to mimick the rocks if desired. Alpine or rocky/coastal type plants can be nestled into cracks of rocks. Ground-covers planted next to rocks will creep over them, blending the ground, rocks and plants together.



Plant Suggestions for Rockery's

	Botanical Name	Common Name
1	<i>Sophora 'Dragons Gold'</i>	Dwarf Kowhai
2	<i>Olearia albida angulata</i>	
3	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	Cabbage Tree
4	<i>Coprosma repens</i>	Taupata
5	<i>Cordyline aust. Purpurea</i>	Purple Cabbage Tree
6	<i>Coprosma Beatsons Brown</i>	
7	<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>	Lancewood
8	<i>Cyathea</i>	Tree Fern
9	<i>Arthropodium cirratum or Carex spp</i>	Renga Renga Lily or Sedge Grass
10	<i>Carex flagellifera</i>	Sedge Grass
11	<i>Olearia solandrii</i>	
12	<i>Coprosma taiko</i>	Prostrate Coprosma
13	<i>Chionchloa flavicans</i>	Snow Tussock
14	<i>Carex spp or Poa Cita</i>	Sedge / Silver Tussock
15	<i>Meuhlenbeckia astonii</i>	
16	<i>Corokia spp</i>	Korokio & hybrids
17	<i>Sophora 'Dragons Gold'</i>	Dwarf Kowhai
18	<i>Carmichaelia odorata</i>	NZ Broom
19	<i>Plagianthus divaricatus or Leptospermum spp</i>	Shore Ribbonwood or Manuka hybrids
20	<i>Helichrysum 'Graeme P' or Aceana inermis purp</i>	Everlasting Daisy or Purple Bidibidi
21	<i>Meuhlenbeckia astonii</i>	
22	<i>Parahebe</i>	
23	<i>Pimelea prostrata 'Blue'</i>	NZ Daphne
24	<i>Scleranthus biflorus</i>	
25	<i>Poa Cita</i>	Silver Tussock
26	<i>Cassinia fulvida</i>	Golden Cottonwood

By no means limit yourself to the plants suggested. Substitute as appropriate for your site and situation.