

Here's why Gardeners Love Bare Root Plants

Bare root plants are a clever choice, allowing people to plant in winter and enjoy the impact of an advanced tree in Spring. Less costly than a potted advanced tree, and with a variety of choices, these plants will save you money while not compromising on style. Tracy Lamont, Billabong Garden Complex Manager, offers her advice on choosing and planting bare root plants.



What is a bare root plant?

Bare root plants are deciduous, field grown trees, shrubs or roses that have been dug up from the soil in their dormant state—so no soil remains on the root ball.

Why do gardeners love them?

You can plant advanced trees and shrubs in their less expensive bare rooted form and enjoy the impact of an advanced tree in spring—without the cost of a potted advanced tree. It is also easier to plant as the ground is softer during the winter months of bare root season, and the smaller roots mean you don't have to dig a huge hole when planting.

Selecting the right tree can assist with energy efficiency in your home. Deciduous trees provide welcome shade in summer and in winter when they lose their leaves allow the winter sun in.

Can all plants be purchased bare rooted?

No, it is only some varieties of deciduous plants including ornamentals, standards, weepers, fruit trees and roses. Some of the most popular sold at Billabong include pears, maples, silver birch, elms, weeping cherries, iceberg roses, apples, peaches, figs,

and more. Stock lists can be found on the Billabong website in late May.

What you need to know for successful bare rooted plantings?

Roots need to be protected and new roots encouraged to grow, for the best success with bare rooted plants. Pruning is essential to bring it back into balance with its cut root system and it will give it the best chance to flourish and form a strong framework. If you are not confident in this process, the Billabong staff will be happy to assist.

Prepare a hole that is one and a half times the size of the root system. Use your own soil to fill around the plant and DO NOT add composts, fertiliser or potting mix. Plant to the level that it has been grown at and water with a bucket of water and seaweed solution. Seaweed is a tonic, it is like giving your plant a Berocca. An information sheet can be found on the Billabong website.

Happy gardening, we just know once you have purchased a bare root plant you will be hooked!



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