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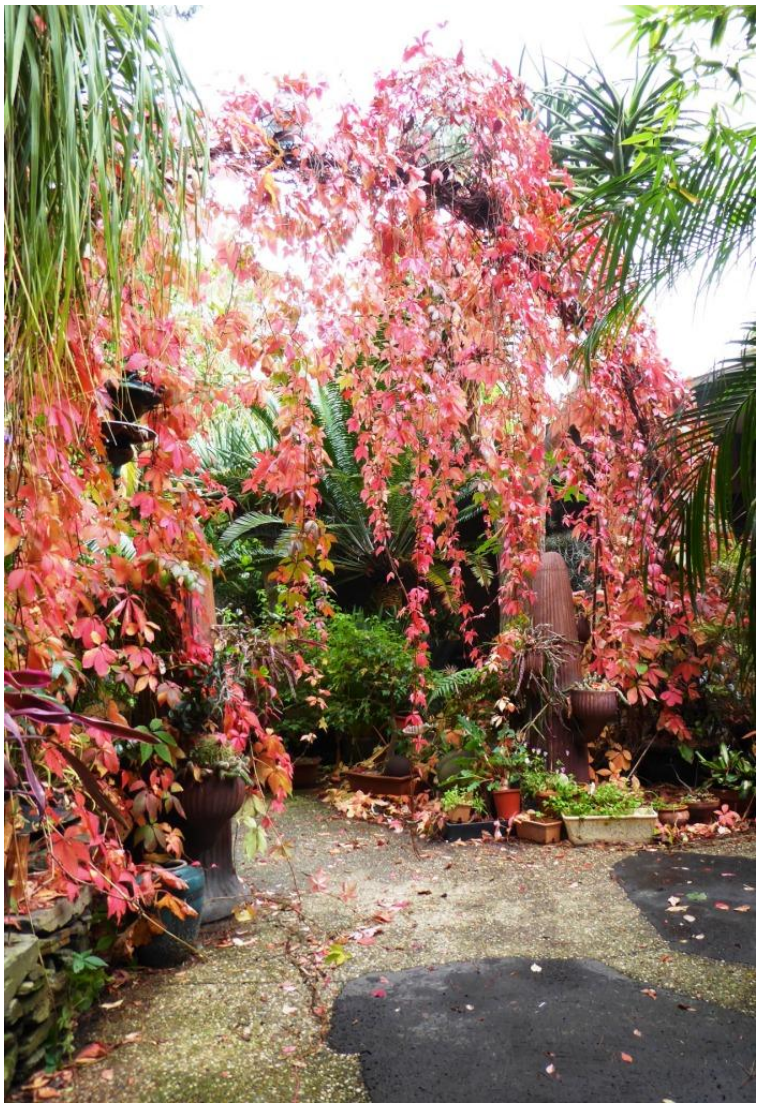
Roraima's Garden is looking so stunning at present. Many different plants are flowering each season and continual improvements are being made to the garden. Drop by and wander through paradise – you will be hard pressed not to walk away from this garden feeling fulfilled.

RORAIMA PLANT PROFILE

Parthenocissus quinquifolia – Virginia Creeper



Commonly known as Virginia Creeper, this five finger ivy adds color to the garden for the majority of the year. A member of the Grape family, it provides shade during the hotter months, stunning colours in mid to late Autumn, and then loses its leaves in late Autumn to early Winter. Native to Central North America, it prefers full sun or part shade and a free draining soil.

Virginia Creeper is available in 20cm hanging baskets as pictured to the left for only $24.95 each. Please note this image was taken in Summer; hence the green foliage

AUTUMN ARRIVALS

Crassula cv. 'Pink Pagoda'

Preferring part shade and a free draining soil, this small Crassula will only grow to approximately 20cm tall. Clusters of tiny white to pink flowers appear in mid-Autumn above stacks of green succulent pieces symmetrically piled on top of each other. Perfect for those with little garden space or balconies. This delightful Crassula is available in 10cm pots as pictured bottom right for only $7.95 each.

Crassula biplanata

Native to South Africa, this fast growing groundcover succulent is suitable for rock gardens or pots. Having **erect** or **decumbent** branches, it grows to approximately 20 -25cm in height and has white flowers that appear in mid-Autumn. It prefers full sun or part shade and a free-draining soil, and is available in 10cm pots as pictured to the right for only $7.95.

Hymenocallis festalis

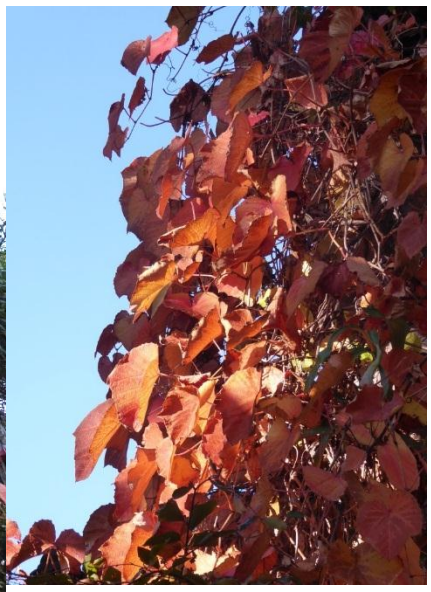
Commonly known as Spider Lily, this delicate white-flowering bulb from South America flowers anytime from mid-Summer to mid-Autumn. As the common name suggests, the flower resembles a spider with its thin legs and solid body. Preferring full sun/part shade and a free draining soil, the Spider Lily is currently available in 14cm pots for $9.95.

Conophytums

Native to South Africa and Namibia, Conophytums are commonly known as Button Plants and Dumplings.

The name Conophytum is derived from Latin Conus and Greek Phytum – Conophytum . Most Conophytums form clusters over time but there are a few solitary species. The Conophytums that Roraima Nursery sell are clustering ones that will form mats and, when in flower, create a beautiful carpet of brightly colored flowers, as pictured to the left.

Conophytums prefer part sun/shade and a free draining soil. When they have the dried skin look, as pictured top right, it is best not to water them until this layer has been broken by fresh growth underneath. The plants are dormant through this period and will not appreciate being watered. Conophytums are available in 10cm pots for only $12.00 each (right).



Vitis coignetiae

Commonly known as Crimson Glory, this deciduous climbing vine is native to temperate Asian areas. The large heart-shaped leaves begin as a lime green color before changing to spectacular Autumn colors. The Crimson Glory loses its leaves in late Autumn to early Winter. It can easily be grown around large tree trunks as pictured to the left. This is Roraima's tall Washingtonia robusta palm that now has striking colors added to the trunk over the Autumn months. Crimson Glory is very easy to grow in most soils, and prefers full sun or part shade. It is the perfect climber to block out neighbors by adding some trellis on top of the standard fence. Both the fence and trellis will be covered in just a couple of years. Crimson Glory is currently available in 20cm pots for $24.95 as pictured to the right.

Largerstroemia

Commonly known as Crepe Myrtle, this genus of plants displays masses of color in Summer and Autumn. Often seen grown as council trees in both residential streets and shopping centres, they can range in size from a small bush up to 30m high trees. Generally, those for sale in nurseries are the 3 to 6m high species that are deciduous and become bare over Winter before greenery reappears in Spring. Pictured to the left is a young plant that was flowering mid-Summer just near Roraima Nursery, featuring many clusters of bright pink flowers on such a small bush. Preferring full sun to part shade and a free draining soil, Crepe Myrtles are easy plants to grow and provide both shade and color over the warmer months of the year. Purples, reds, pinks and whites are just some of the colors that the Largerstroemias are available in. They are available in 14cm pots for $11.95 and 20cm pots for $22.95each.

Words/terms for this season

Decumbent – Part of the plant lying along the ground or surface with the extremity of curving upwards (as in Crassula biplinata)

Erect- rigidly upright or straight (as in Crassula biplinata)

We have lots of images for you to peruse so please join us! Note we are using Instagram to show you images only. Please send any questions via email or Facebook.

Don’t forget to have a look at us on Facebook. Keep your eyes open for new plants and **special offers**.

We hope you enjoy your Autumn gardening and should you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us at Roraima Nursery. Be it in person, online or by phone, we will do our very best to look after you and your gardening needs.

Happy gardening,
From all at Roraima Nursery