

Pruning Advanced Ornamental Trees

Generally speaking an ornamental tree is one that is grown for its decorative looks and not for food. Winter is the perfect time to prune deciduous ornamental trees, as their structures are dormant.



Jacaranda mimosifolia

JACARANDA

It is the last deciduous tree to drop its leaves so towards the end of winter is the best time to prune Jacarandas. Ours are formatively pruned each year to retain the strong central leader. Of course for large trees it is always recommended to consult the services of an Arborist.



Betula pendula 'Moss White'

MOSS WHITE SILVER BIRCH

Birch doesn't generally require a lot of pruning. If anything needs to be done, winter is the time to do it. 'Moss White' has bright green foliage that turns to a pale yellow in autumn. The trunk is a grey colour when young gradually turning to white. Always popular, talk to us now for future supply.



Allocasuarina torulosa

FOREST SHEOAK

Allocasuarina has corky bark which means that trimming back to keep shape can probably happen anytime of the year including summer. This is opposite to smooth barked natives where sunburn can result on bare limbs that have been pruned when it is too hot to do so. For Allocasuarina, we would only recommend pruning to lift up the tree if you find that branches are hanging too low and the tree is suffering under this weight.



Photinia robusta

RED LEAF PHOTINIA

Like most trees and large shrubs suitable for hedging and screening, tip pruning is recommended for these specimens to keep their shape and health. This type of pruning also encourages denser growth. We grow ours to be dense and upright.



Quercus palustris

PIN OAK

Pruning Quercus palustris is all about taking off bad branches. For a great structure we lift lower limbs to the heights required and retain a strong central leader. Such attention is required for a magnificent tree when fully mature.



Waterhousea floribunda 'ST1'

Whisper (syn. Syzygium)

WHISPER WEEPING LILLY PILLY

Waterhousea is a great screening tree and should be tip pruned any time of year to keep in shape. Ours is a special selection which is more dense and larger leaved than others so it is quite quick and easy to create a large and thick foliated area that provides protection from wind and prying eyes. And with that beautiful red tip on all new growth! This is a very popular line and we have really good numbers across a number of sizes.



Banksia integrifolia

COASTAL BANKSIA

You really only need to tip prune Banksia once per year to thicken up the foliage. This distinctive native tree has rough patterned bark and long green leaves with a silver underside, pale yellow flowers in summer and seed pods which cling to the branches for a considerable period of time adding to its interest.

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