

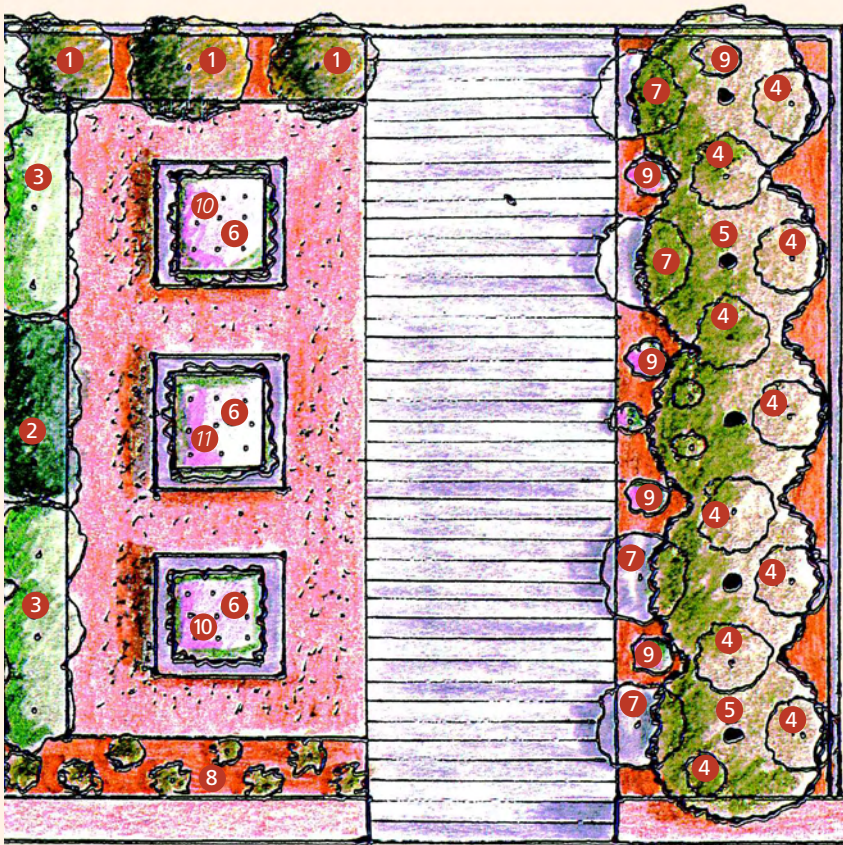


AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS
BOTANIC GARDEN

DESERT GARDEN

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Plant Species

- 1 *Senna artemisioides* ssp *sturtii*
- 2 *Cassinia laevis*
- 3 *Dodonaea* spp
- 4 *Eremophila pterocarpa*
- 5 *Hakea francisiana*
- 6 Paper daisies
- 7 *Ptilotus obovatus*
- 8 *Pycnosorus globosus*
- 9 *Streptoglossa liatroides*
- 10 *Keraudrenia nephrosperma*
- 11 *Rulingia magniflora*

Water Use

AridSmart Desert Garden
0 litres per year (once established)



Average Home Garden (with lawn)
100,000 litres per year



How to create this garden at home

- › Use quarried red river sand in the garden beds and planter boxes, and reddish-coloured road base for the gravel area to achieve a 'clean and stark' desert look.
- › Use old recycled timber railway sleepers for the path and planter boxes for a sun-weathered feel.
- › Select plant species that grow in sandy desert areas, including some with grey / silvery leaves to contrast with the red of the desert sand.
- › Choose plants of low to medium height, and use short-lived ephemerals in planter boxes for a changing splash of colour throughout the year.
- › Allow generous spacing between plants. In the desert, plants space themselves to avoid competition for precious water and nutrients. Spacing plants will also show off the interesting shapes and textures of your desert plants as well as their stunning seasonal flower displays.