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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Gemini' (aloe-aloe series)  
**PBR status:** Pending.  
**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.  
**Potentially invasive:** No.  
**Ornamental features:** provides masses of long lasting pale orange flowers in early winter.  
**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Gemini' reaches a mature size of about 30cm high and 1.5cm wide and sometimes produces side shoots. Extremely drought tolerant, it's capable of coping with excessive rain.



**Preferred aspect and soil:** Free draining soil is essential and it does better if it is well composted. Gemini prefers full sun.  
**Frost Tolerance:** Moderate.  
**Landscape uses:** Suitable for mass plantings, borders or as a pot specimen.  
**Maintenance:** Easy to cultivate. Little maintenance required but shoots can be removed if a clean shape is preferred. Water sparingly, particularly in winter. Fertilise annually in spring with slow release fertiliser or organic compost.  
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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Saturn' (aloe-aloe series)  
**PBR status:** Pending.  
**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.  
**Ornamental features:** The flowers are initially red but change to yellow as they open together displaying an incredible bi-colour combination in late winter.  
**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Saturn' is a very large slow stemming aloe reaching a mature size of 1.5m tall and 1m wide. Drought tolerance is a key feature. Plants are clones of a unique selected superior plant with proven hybrid vigour.



**Preferred aspect and soil:** An excellent plant for open sunny hot spots but ensure the soil is free draining and moderately fertile.  
**Frost Tolerance:** Light to Moderate.  
**Landscape uses:** It is suitable for landscaping use but it's stemming nature and leaves makes this a great feature plant in a large garden.  
**Maintenance:** Very low maintenance. Water sparingly. Fertilise annually in spring.  
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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Southern Cross' (aloe-aloe series)  
**PBR status:** Pending  
**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.  
**Ornamental features:** Compact yellow flower clusters open simultaneously in winter giving an incredible display of pale yellow.  
**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Southern Cross' is a medium sized aloe reaching a mature size of about 1m high and 0.6m wide. It is also capable of forming a shrub. It is an excellent all round performer -drought tolerant, flowers profusely and high disease tolerance.



**Preferred aspect and soil:** Grows best in full sun with free draining soil. Benefits from compost in the soil.  
**Frost Tolerance:** Able to withstand light frosts.  
**Landscape uses:** Suitable for garden beds or in a large pot.  
**Maintenance:** Low maintenance but should stem shoots appear they can be removed to enhance growth and flowering. Water sparingly, particularly in winter.  
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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Topaz' (aloe-aloe series)  
**PBR status:** Pending.  
**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.  
**Potentially invasive:** No  
**Ornamental features:** Beautiful long lasting pinkish orange flowers, from mid summer to early winter, complement the elegant grass-like leaves.  
**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Topaz' offers exceptional performance, flowers profusely and is disease tolerant. Aloe 'Topaz' is clumping and at maturity reaches about 30cm high and 20cm wide.  
**Preferred aspect and soil:** Aloe 'Topaz' grows



best in full sun in free draining soil but prefers well composted soils.  
**Frost Tolerance:** Moderate.  
**Landscape uses:** Excellent for borders, mass planting and pots.  
**Maintenance:** Very low maintenance. Water sparingly. While being drought tolerant Topaz benefits from water in summer and is able to tolerate a lot of rain. Fertilise annually in spring.  
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**Plant name:** Hardenbergia violacea Pink Spray  
**PBR status:** Eligible  
**Origin/breeder:** Ramm Botanicals.  
**Potentially invasive:** No  
**Ornamental Features:** A very showy plant with racemes of the prettiest bi-colour pink 'pea-like' flowers in spring that totally cover the bushy plant.  
**Habit and Growth rate:** This hardy evergreen has a slightly sprawling habit that will also climb onto surrounding supports with its twining stems. Height to 1m.  
**Preferred aspect and soil:** Adaptable to most soil types in part or full sun.  
**Frost tolerance:** Light frost tolerance.  
**Landscape uses:** Ideal for gardens and containers.  
**Maintenance:** Grow in full sun in soils with moderate to good drainage.  
**Contact:** Ramm Botanicals, 255 Pacific Highway West, Tuggerah, NSW, 2259 Phone: (02) 4351 2099. Email: <ramm@ramm.com.au>. Web: <www.ramm.com.au>.

**Plant name:** Aloe 'Tusker' (aloe-aloe series)  
**PBR status:** Pending  
**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.  
**Potentially invasive:** No  
**Ornamental features:** Beautiful ivory coloured spires of tubular flowers adorn the plant in winter.  
**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Tusker' reaches a mature size of about 1.5m high and 0.75m wide. It is extremely drought tolerant but can also tolerate high rainfall. Excellent flowering qualities and high disease resistance.



**Preferred aspect and soil:** Grows best in full sun with free draining soil.  
**Frost Tolerance:** Moderate  
**Landscape uses:** Suitable as a feature plant in gardens or looks fantastic in a large pot given it's single stemming nature.  
**Maintenance:** A very low maintenance plant. Water sparingly. Fertilise annually in spring.  
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# SHRUBS & TREES

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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Always Red' (aloe-aloe series)  
**PBR status:** Accepted  
**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa

**Potentially invasive:** No

**Ornamental features:**

The blood red glossy flowers on the tall spires of this amaz-



ing hybrid aloe continue in summer, autumn, and winter (eight months of the year) giving continuous colour to the garden. Amazing. To be released in February 2009

**Habit and growth rate:** This is a very tough medium sized fast growing hybrid aloe. All plants are clones of a unique selected superior plant with proven hybrid vigour. Reaches a mature size of about 60cm high and 40cm wide.  
**Preferred aspect and soil:** Grows best in full sun with free draining soil. Great for sunny spots.

**Frost Tolerance:** Moderate

**Landscape uses:** Suitable in garden beds or as a pot specimen.

**Maintenance:** Water sparingly and remove old leaves. Fertilise annually in spring.

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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Aries' (aloe-aloe series)

**PBR status:** Applied for.

**Potentially invasive:** No

**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa

**Ornamental features:** The striking short spotted leaves with a stunning decorative edge, combined with lanky pink flowers that change to creamy white when open in summer or autumn, make this little aloe hybrid special.

**Habit and growth rate:** Trailing plant which produces a number of shoots which each reach a mature size of 30cm x 12cm.

**Preferred aspect and soil:** Best in full sun with



free draining soil. Benefits from compost.

**Frost Tolerance:** Light frost

**Landscape uses:** Suitable as a trailing plant over rockeries, retaining walls, hanging baskets and ideal as a pot specimen.

**Maintenance:** Very low maintenance plant. Water sparingly, particularly in winter and fertilise annually in spring

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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Big Red' (aloe-aloe series)

**PBR status:** Pending.

**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.

**Potentially invasive:** No

**Ornamental features:** Multiple flower heads are produced in winter with each head containing a wonderful display of rich red flower clusters.

**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Big Red' is a large tall stemming hybrid aloe but is also capable of branching and forming a shrub. It is a very neat and clean plant which reaches a mature size of 1.5m x 1m. It offers exceptional performance



(drought tolerant, flowers profusely and high disease tolerance). All plants are clones of a unique selected superior plant with proven hybrid vigour.

**Preferred aspect and soil:** Grows best in full sun with free draining soil.

**Frost Tolerance:** Mild frost.

**Maintenance:** Low- Water sparsely, particularly in winter. Fertilise annually in spring

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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Capricorn' PBR status: Pending

**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.

**Potentially invasive:** No.

**Ornamental features:** Spectacular red flowers, becoming white when open, provide a stunning bi-colour floral display in early winter.

**Habit and growth rate:** A large tall stemming aloe hybrid reaches a mature size of about 1.5m high and 1m wide. Capricorn plants are clones of a unique selected superior plant with proven hybrid vigour.

**Preferred aspect and soil:** Capricorn requires full sun for spectacular flowering and requires the soil to be free draining. Will tolerate poor soils but prefers fertile soil.

**Frost Tolerance:** Moderate.

**Landscape uses:** Aloe 'Capricorn' would be a feature plant in any garden and is particularly suitable for landscape applications where it will have a high impact.

**Maintenance:** Very low maintenance. Requires adequate water in summer but can withstand prolonged drought. Fertilise annually with compost in spring.

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**Plant name:** Aloe 'Fairy Pink' (aloe-aloe series).

**PBR status:** Accepted.

**Origin/breeder:** Selective breeding program in South Africa.

**Potentially invasive:** No.

**Ornamental features:** Numerous dainty white flowers (sometimes washed in pink) appear in late summer/early autumn above the delicate

fleshy green leaves of this very small and beautiful aloe hybrid.

**Habit and growth rate:** Aloe 'Fairy Pink' is clumping and reaches a mature size of about 30cm high and 12 cm wide. All plants are clones of a unique selected superior plant with proven hybrid vigour.

**Preferred aspect and soil:** Requires free draining soil which should not be allowed to completely dry out. It does not demand full sun and will also flower in part shade.

**Frost Tolerance:** Very light frost only so it is best placed in a well protected position.

**Landscape uses:** Aloe 'Fairy Pink' makes a magnificent a pot specimen

but is also suitable for mass plantings or borders.

**Maintenance:** Little maintenance required but benefits from fertilising annually in spring.

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