

TIPS AND GLEANINGS - Kevin Radbourne

TOPIC: **CORDYLINES**

GUEST SPEAKER: ALEXIA LOADER

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- Wide range of plant and leaf size from large to intermediate to small to tiny
- General rule that dark leaves like full sun, green and cream like shade
- Don't like frost
- There are seven native to Australia
- Lop/prune September to March
- Place 10cm pieces in water until white root bumps appear, then plant out
- Aphids can attack new growth
- Use piece of cucumber in aluminium tray to deter snails
- Remove perfumed flowers when spent, little black seeds can be planted - long process
- All potting mixes OK
- Personally prefers to mix 1/3 each of Searles Premium, Osmocote Orchid Mix, Cheap mix
- Use chook poo based fertiliser, Dynamic Lifter, and mulch well
- In garden mix fertiliser with soil when planting
- PH level 6 – 6.5

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