

# Garden Highlights, October 2019



Photos: Left: Oval-leaf Mintbush  
*Prostanthera ovalifolia*. Right: Woolly  
White Canary Island Sage  
*Salvia canariensis* f. *candidissima*

**Mint Bushes *Prostanthera*** are members of the Mint family Lamiaceae. Like other members of the family, Mint Bushes have pleasantly-scented leaves. We use Lavender for perfume; and Basil, Mint, Rosemary, Sage, Marjoram, Oregano and Thyme as flavourings. These are all in that same family. Mint Bushes grows naturally in the shade of wet or dry Eucalyptus forests.

In contrast, another member of the Mint family, **Woolly White Canary Island Sage *Salvia canariensis* f. *candidissima*** grows in hot sun. Throughout the year, their light silver-grey colour and hairs help the plants stay cool without using too much precious water. They share the Silver Border with other plants that are adapted to cope with hot weather and lack of water.



## What's On in October 2019

Themed **guided walk: 'Plants from China'**, Sunday 13 October 2:00 pm, Gold coin donation.

**Through the Garden Gates:** Monday 14 October 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, \$30 members, \$40 non-members. Bookings by 10 October are essential.

**Discovery Table:** Sunday 20 October 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

**Seniors Festival, Free Guided Walk and Morning Tea**, Thursday 24 October 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Bookings are essential.

**Friends' Plant Sale:** Weekend 26 - 27 October, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**Free Guided Walks:** Wednesdays 11:00 am, Sundays 2:00 pm.

**Friends Nursery** also open: Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

See **displays of Orchids** in the Curiosity Cabinet and **Pelargonium** in the Pelargonium House.

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