

DAVID'S PRODUCTIVE GARDEN

Hello and welcome to 16 Central Ave, Footscray. We hope that you enjoy the garden.

My partner and I moved from Yarraville in 2009, attracted by the larger size of land and the charm of the house and neighbourhood. The garden at that point was a dust bowl and we removed all the desiccated stumps, except for the jacaranda at the back of the garden. I have done all the landscaping and the garden has evolved since with no overriding plan in mind other than to fit in as many productive plants as possible. My partner is less interested in edibles and was given more say in the front garden which has a lot of natives and is generally a low maintenance space.

More recently I have become aware of the limitations of the "edible only" policy and have started collecting ornamental plants such as bromeliads, aroids, ferns, succulents and orchids. The orchids have become a focus and the burgeoning collection takes residence in the shade house. It's in its infancy and in a few years I hope to have year round flowering.

I've also recently begun planting with a focus on foliage and you will find a lot of strong contrasts in colour and texture.

Found, repurposed objects are used repeatedly in the garden and I've realised you can make a pot or a feature out of just about anything. I make ceramics professionally and they are scattered across the garden and a selection will be available for sale on the day.

My garden has had a bit of media attention via Gardening Australia and a syndicated newspaper and I've included links below for these if you are interested.

<https://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/david-elliott-creates-a-maximalist-garden-tapestry-in-footscray-20190222-h1bkzw.html>

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/how-to/a-footscray-find/12648396>

Getting back to the edibles, I have prepared a table of a selection of fruiting/edible plants I have collected, including notes on where they are in the garden, and from where and when I acquired them. It is broken down into plant families (ie Rutaceae, for example, for citrus family). I hope you enjoy the garden and I'll be around on the day if you have any questions.

Cheers!
David.

David's Productive Garden is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong. Open Gardens Victoria wish to acknowledge the Traditional custodians and we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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