



Firewheel

If you want to attract native birds to your garden, Pincushions, with their bright reds, yellows and pinks are the perfect choice. They come in all sizes from groundcovers to tall screening bushes. The best known is Firewheel and this grows to a little over two metres.

Other proteas that are excellent garden choices include Carnival Red, Carnival Yellow, Calypso Red and Mardi Gras Ribbons.

Here are a few tips that will help you get the best from your proteas:

- Proteas love plenty of sunshine and a well-drained acid soil (not clay)
- Keep the fertilizer away from them as they don't usually need any extra
- Water well to get the plant established and then gradually reduce
- Apply a mulch to protect the surface roots (straw, leaves and composted pine bark are the best. Don't use spent mushroom compost)
- In containers use Debco Native potting mix, water regularly and fertilize with Osmocote for Natives at half the recommended rate

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Leucospermums can brighten up just about any landscape



Carnival Yellow (above), Little Prince (below)

