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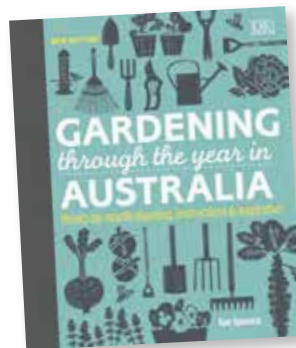
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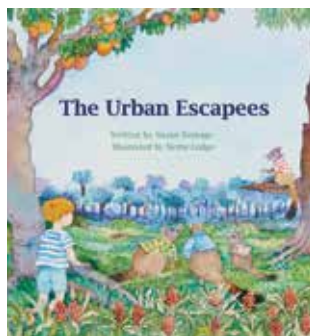
**GARDENING THROUGH  
THE YEAR IN AUSTRALIA**  
MONTH-BY-MONTH PLANNING,  
INSTRUCTIONS & INSPIRATION  
**Ian Spence, DK Australia**

The main section of this updated Australian edition comprises chapters covering each month of the year in an easy-to-use format with abundant illustrations. Each month has an overview of key gardening tasks, practical lists, reminders and tips, and a pictorial showcase of 'Star Plants'. Also included is comprehensive guidance on plant care, maintaining garden features, when and what to prune, practical projects and inspirational ideas. An A-Z Plant Directory appendix lists close to 350 plants, with photos, descriptions and growing information. The author recognises the varied climatic conditions in our country, and the challenges of changeable global weather patterns. This comprehensive book is a handy reference for new and experienced gardeners. Available in October.

**FEEDING THE BIRDS AT YOUR TABLE**  
A GUIDE FOR AUSTRALIA

**Darryl Jones, NewSouth Publishing**

This practical and detailed guide to feeding Australian birds from backyards or balconies has been written by a behavioural ecologist, from Griffith University in Brisbane, who specialises in the way certain species adapt to urbanisation. Included are profiles of different types of Australian birds that are found in urban areas, with information on what is appropriate to feed them without causing harm, the best feeders to use, and advice on how to create a bird-friendly garden. Available in October.



**THE URBAN ESCAPEES**

**Susan Ramage with illustrations  
by Nettie Lodge, Green Olive Press**

A children's story about a family of brush-tailed possums living happily in a suburban home's large, leafy garden. They become friends with young Louis, who enjoys watching them play in the trees in the evening. But when large amounts of the area's bushland and trees are demolished to make way for

the construction of buildings, Louis and his father have to relocate the possums. Through this tale, the author, who is a conservationist and historian, demonstrates how some of our natural living environments, trees and bushland are being destroyed by increasing urbanisation, population growth and development of high-density living areas.