



Gardening Tips for May 2026

1. BROMELIADS

If you are trying to identify a particular type of Bromeliad one of the best sites to go to is the **BROMELIAD SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL** site that is a register/list of every known cultivar. Go to – <https://registry.bsi.org>

2. PLANTING SEEDS

After the recent rain it is a good time to plant annual flower and vegetable seeds for the coming months into spring. General rule is plant seeds at a depth of 2-3 times the diameter of the seed in moist soil/mix. (*Sandra Nanka. Mud Brick Cottage*).

3. BEWARE MISLEADING LABELS

Spring flowering plants like Camellia are often sold now on the basis they can settle in for flowering season. Beware the labels – they are often incorrect. Best to wait till the plant on sale has a flower to confirm you are getting it right. (*Experience!!!!*)

4. GERANIUMS

Now is a good time to prune back your geraniums / pelargoniums as they tend to have become leggy. Can be cut back at least by ½. They strike fairly easily so put cuttings into potting mix to spread to friends and neighbours. (www.queenslandgardening.com)

5. MULCH

The recent heavy rain was a godsend as we are heading into lower rainfall months. To help retain the moisture mulch now – also helps to moderate temperature of soil in winter. (www.sgaonline.org.au)