

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Simon Rickard** is a passionate gardener and plantsman. He is best known as the former head gardener of the Digger's Club, in which role he oversaw two of Australia's best-known public gardens, Heronswood and the Garden of St Erth, until 2009. More recently Simon has been a kitchen gardener, growing bespoke produce for Annie Smithers' Bistrot in Kyneton, Victoria. Simon is a botanical guide for Botanica World Discoveries, helping to bring alive the world's most beautiful and influential gardens for Australian gardeners

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