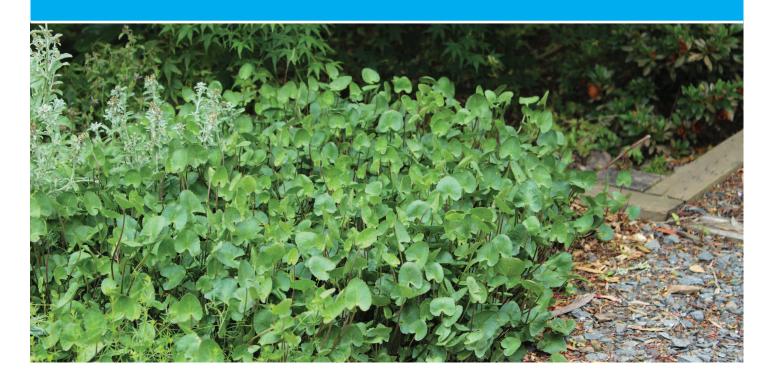
Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Swamp Pennywort

Centella cordifolia

FAST FACTS	
Groundcover	
Family:	Apiaceae
	Carrot
Size:	15cm H x 30cm W
Position:	Sunny to light shade
Soil:	Moist
Flowers:	Inconspicuous
Fruits:	Inconspicuous
Care:	Low maintenance

A small, lush groundcover, **Swamp Pennywort** (*Centella cordifolia*) is an
Australian native from the Ballarat area.

Location: Prefers a sunny to lightly shaded position in moist soil – perhaps in a swale or under a well-watered tree. Several plants should be spaced at 30cm intervals to obtain good dense coverage.

Leaves: The leaves are the highlight of this attractive plant, adding a cool, lush look to your garden even at the height of summer. They are dark green, waxy and heartshaped. In shade, leaves are held upright like hundreds of small flags. In full sun they will hug the ground.

Planting: Though Pennywort might look delicate, it is actually quite tough and will grow well in your garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few

days of purchase. Give each plant a good ½ bucket or more of water as soon as you plant it and it should then only need watering if it starts to wilt towards the end of a long dry summer.

Care: Pennywort will never need pruning but to keep it looking its best, it may need a little extra water over dry summer months. Although it looks fabulous and will help keep weeds down, Pennywort won't do well if walked on, so is not a good lawn substitute.

Propagation: After a couple of years you could dig up a small clump to replant somewhere else in your garden.



