

Tropical and Desert Plants Living Side by Side

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Two completely opposite types of plants live in the same country. One street is lined with palm trees and tropical flowers and an hour drive away, a street is lined with cacti and desert flowers. How can two cities in the same country have such different nature? It's because it's Australia.



Great Keppel Island (Queensland, Australia) is covered with tropical plants. 100 feet from the beach is a resort. The pathways are lined with palm trees and tropical flowers. Pinks, reds, purples, oranges, and even some blues are all popular colors to see up in the trees. There are tropical plants in the water as well as on land. Coral lined beaches are abundant on the island. Pink and orange coral is visible, even from shore.



In the bush of Australia, bottle trees and cacti are usual sights. Tall grass and small shrubs line the highways. While driving down the highway, some spots may have no vegetation at all. This is because of bush fires. They are very common and usually don't do much damage. Some plants even depend on them so they can spread their seeds. If a bush fire gets out of hand though, it can be dangerous.



However hard to believe, it's true; tropical plants and desert plants can be found very near each other. The change of moisture in the air and the surrounding environment contribute to this change. The plants adapt to the weather and conditions thus making it possible for two opposites to be living so close.

