

SEED NOW IN STOCK

<i>Grevillea acanthifolia</i>	<i>Grevillea heliosperma</i>
" banksii (red)	" intricata
" banksii (white)	" leucadendron
" banksii (white prostrate)	" longistyla
" barklyana	" pteridiifolia
" bipinnatifida	" pterosperma
" candelabroides	" robusta
" sp. Coochin Hills	" scortechinii
" decora	" sessilis
" dryandri	" trinervis
	" venusta

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Welcome to the Grevillea Study Group. I hope that we will have a long and fruitful association.

I have been a member of S.G.A.P. since 1960 and have been active for many years at State and Federal levels. This has enabled me to meet members in all States and visit their gardens.

The range of gardens in one district is similar to that in another. They vary from small to large and from bushland gardens to very neat, well manicured gardens. This is not meant as criticism but as an observation. As a grower I am interested in the plants grown and their condition.

Sometimes a particular species in one locality thrives but the same species in another region is completely absent or looks very poor and only just surviving. No prize for that observation, but there are surprises, e.g. plants which thrive under conditions which are quite foreign to their natural habitat.

AIM:

With your co-operation, I hope that we will be able to advise growers on suitable species for their locality and the best methods of growing and propagating them.

RECORDING:

I do not intend to record information on garden hybrids, e.g. Robyn Gordon, Pink Pearl, Blondie and so on. While many of them are beautiful it would make our task impossible. However, I will record species which hybridise. If this information is forwarded please indicate the pod parent and the other suspected parent.

Nursery catalogues and other publications list many Grevillea species some of which have suspect names. For the sake of accuracy a list of species and naturally occurring hybrids, correctly spelt, is essential. It would be a waste of time and effort to record information on names which do not exist. The list will be checked by a competent authority and then circulated to members.

Meanwhile, I would appreciate the names of species which members know occur in their State. This includes varieties or unnamed species such as Grevilles sp. Coochin Hills. So far I have 233 names plus 10 varieties. The majority of Grevilleas occur in W.A. and these are listed in "West Australian Plants" by Beard, so please do not forward names which occur in that list. However I would welcome advice of other W.A. species not included in that list or any which have had a name change. Try to be accurate as possible with your

recording or replies to questionnaires - no fishermen's stories please

I would like active members to record:

- Planting dates
- Flowering periods
- Age of plant at initial flowering
- Seedling or cutting grown
- Month when seed is released
- Any special treatment applied to the plant
- Obvious pest or disease problems
- In the case of failure - date when plant is obviously dead or dying

Few, if any, of us are qualified to diagnose plant diseases so I will ask only that members record any factors which probably contributed to the plant's death, e.g. excessive movement in the wind, waterlogged soil, hit by a football and so on. To cut down on postage and recording time I will request reports annually but I will try to stagger the time so that some of you might receive your first request after six months.

Please write facts down as soon as possible, do not trust to memory. Probably most growers would not have recorded some of the points mentioned for plants now growing so I will ask you to use your judgement when answering those points. If members wish to record plants growing in other gardens they are welcome to do so, so long as the information is accurate.

Members propagating their own plants are encouraged to record information such as germination time, method of propagation (seed, cuttings etc.), date seed sown, propagation medium (proportions of ingredients) and special treatment such as hot water treatment of seed, glasshouse, mist system, bottom heat and so on.

#### SEED BANK:

Many plants are releasing or will have released seed so please collect and, if possible, forward surplus to the seed bank. This is the best way to distribute species to members so please help if you have mature plants. Note the date of collection, where collected, and if garden grown.

A list of seed at present in stock is included at the end of the Newsletter. Much of it is in short supply, having been donated by a few personal friends.

Please limit your requests to what you can use rather than store it for future use.

We may be able to afford that luxury when seed is more abundant.

#### CUTTINGS:

A cutting supply would be more difficult to organise, but if you are willing to send cuttings to members please let me know the species available. Cuttings will have to be forwarded direct to cut down on postage and time.

Members receiving seed and cuttings will be required to pay for postage.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

I have decided to use the active - passive membership system used by others. Active members will receive any benefits, i.e. seed, cuttings and Newsletters, but will be required to give reports. Passive members are not required to give reports. They will receive Newsletters but they will not have access to the seed or cutting exchange. However, if they feel inclined to forward seed or information at any time these will be welcome.

#### NEWSLETTER:

This is your Newsletter, you are encouraged to use it. Short articles of interest to other growers or requests for specific cuttings or seed not in the seedbank could be included.

I will include information from recordings whenever any points of interest arise from data received.

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION:

Active members, if you have not already done so, please forward a list of all species and natural hybrids which you wish to record for your district. When more than one of any species is to be recorded indicate the number of plants after the species name, e.g. *Grevillea sericea* (3).

When a plant is grown permanently in a container please indicate (C) after that species.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

My address in various publications advising the formation of the Grevillea Study Group is incorrect. It should be - 25 Barford Street, Moorooka, 4105. Qld. Please forward all correspondence to that address.

If members are visiting Brisbane at any time you are welcome to call in.

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