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## THE GERALDTON WAX

A PUBLICATION DEVOTED TO THE PROPAGATION AND CULTIVATION OF  
AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWERS, ORCHIDS, TREES, ETC. FOR  
THE HORTICULTURALIST

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As always the emphasis is on the presentation of advice to the home garden and horticulturalists on the propagation and cultivation of Australian wildflowers. Considerable detail based on actual garden experience and research by competent horticulturalists is presented on a few plants of proven horticultural value, in this issue the emphasis being on the well known "Geraldton Wax" and on the tiny terrestrial orchids *Microtis*. Articles are from all parts of Australia so that it does not matter where you live or how vigorous the climates. For the keen types many other wildflowers are described to broaden the interest but it is hoped that the beginners in this fascinating field will not be confused by so many plants but select only those of interest. To prevent confusion by the plant suppliers and to assist those keen students in the field we are forced to include some technical descriptions. These are kept as simple as possible and often in small type so as not to tire the reader.

### CHAMAELAUCIUM—THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WAXES

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"Chamaelauciums" by H. M. Hewett—The common garden species are described—pp. 144. Special advice is given on "The Geraldton Wax", pages 147 and 182 and on "The Esperance Wax"—page 147.

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### PROPAGATION AND CULTIVATION

Propagation of *Chamaelaucium*—page 143. This mentions propagation by cuttings only briefly. Previous issues have described simple methods in detail. These plants seem to come fairly readily from cuttings with the simple techniques used by home gardeners. We are ashamed to admit that propagation by seed is as very erratic. Try the novel method that follows.

"Propagation of Wildflowers" by B. C. Kowald—page 179. A rather novel method that could represent a break through in seed and cutting propagation for the more difficult species.

"Wildflowers from Seed"—page 159. The method described as intended for "berry plants" but could be used equally as well with other natives (including *Chamaelaucium* if you have a green thumb).

Propagation of Native Orchids—We cannot do it. Multiplication by division of terrestrial orchid groups is the method used. Oh for a research project by competent botanists!

"Propagation of *Archeria*—*Epacrids*"—page 181.

"Seedlings" by R. C. Barnard—page 159. Meant principally for *Eucalypts* this article is a gem.

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