

ASSOCIATION OF SOCIETIES FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS
CALOTHAMNUS & ALLIED GENERA STUDY GROUP

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I must apologise for not getting the November Newsletter out, but the tragic death of my 2yr. old great granddaughter left me too devastated to do so. As I haven't all of the gear with me at present this will be a short newsletter and I will get a fuller one sent after I get home in June.

At last we have seed of most of our allied genera, although not all species. As it takes some time to get mail to and from Docker River, it would be best to send requests to the above address and I will be able to send any seed required with the newsletter.

Beaufortia macrostemon (low form), micrantha, orbifolia, purpurea, sparsa.

Eremaea beaufortioides, fimbriata, pauciflora, purpurea, violacea.

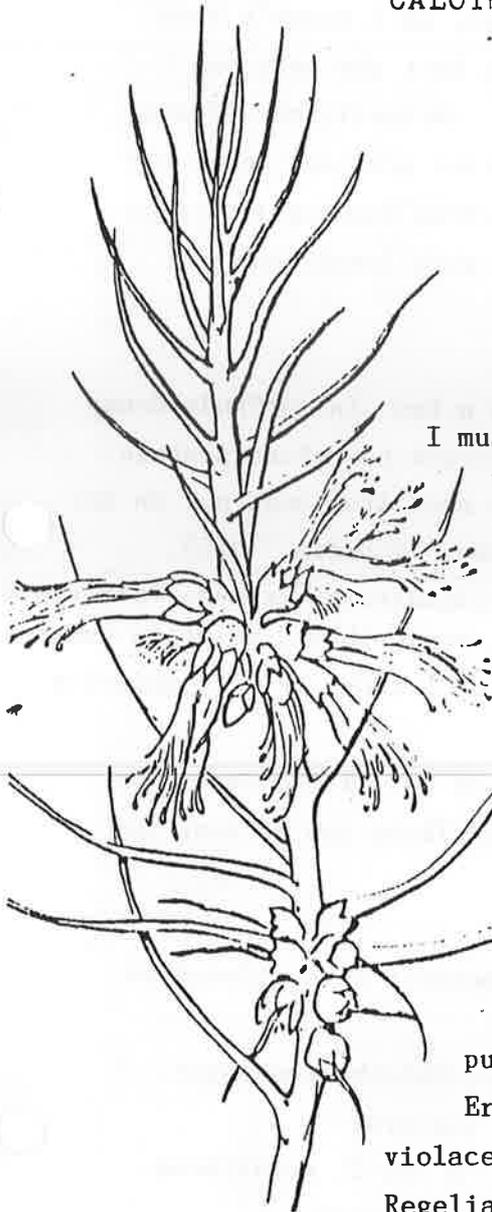
Regelia ciliata, inops, megacephala, velutina.

There are plenty of Calothamnus seeds in the Seed bank, list in a previous newsletter, and I will repeat it next time.

I have found that the above seeds germinate best in a well drained mixture, sown in late winter, but would like to know how others have grown them.

Unfortunately we have not had the lovely rain that some other places have, so the Calothamnus in the Arboretum have had a very hard time. One *C. chrysantherus* was alright one weekend, but completely dead the next one. I was able to water the young ones while I was home, so I hope that it will be enough for them until I get home again. There has still been no rain since I left in mid Feb. I will not be able to set any cuttings until we get a lot of rain as our well is drying up pretty quickly. It supplies our house water as well as the garden etc., so things are a bit grim.

If anyone has information on where we could get seed of *Phymatocarpus maxwellii*



and porphyrocephalus, it would be very much appreciated, as I haven't been able to get any propagating material of this Genus.. In fact the only one I have seen was a very tiny plant quite a few years ago. Actually one of our new members, Elsbeth Jacobs, has a *Phymatocarpus maxwellii* growing, maybe she could give a description of it for our next newsletter. From descriptions that I have read *Phymarocarpus* seem to be attractive shrubs with lovely pom pom flowers, well worth growing.

Elsbeth is interested in small Myrtaceae and has quite a few in our Study Group which she could supply cutting material from. Don't forget to refund postage for cuttings received. She would also like cuttings or seed from ones not on her list. Elsbeth's address is : 377 Cambridge Rd., Montrose, Victoria. 3765. Her list is *Beaufortia sparsa*, *micranthera*, *decussata*, *squarrosa*; *Eremaea Purpurea* & *pauciflora*; *Phymatocarpos maxwellii*,; *Regelia ciliata*, *megacephala*, *velutina* and a species with a purple flower. This last would be either *R. inops* or *R. cymbifolia*.

Don't forget that the Group has identification sheets on our allied Genera as well as very good keys on the many *Calothamnus* species. These can be sent to interested members.

While on the subject of cutting material some of our members have offered to supply some cuttings to other members.

Rhoda Jeavons, RMB 2500, Kulnura, Gosford, N.S.W. 2250; *Calothamnus asper*,

prostrate *C. quadrifidus*, golden yellow flowers.

Val Maher, 2 Langley Rd., Cranbourne Sth., Vic. 3977; a few *C. graniticus*.

Lyndal Thorburn, 3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan, NSW, 2620; a very

attractive *C. validus*.

Kaye Bartlett, 'Winpara', Jervois, S.A. 5090; a magnificent *C. rupestris*,

the bush, flowers & fruit very large.

All the very best,

Barb.