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CALYTRIX STUDY GROUP - MEMBERSHIP LIST APRIL, 1978

Our Study Group has been in operation for over a year now and we have 28 Members from N.S.W., Qld., Vict., S.A. and Tasmania from many different ecological situations.

To date I have very few communications to tell me of success or failure in seed germination of these little gems. From the replies that I have had *Calytrix* species seems to be a very difficult one to germinate and if germination has been successful growing on seems almost impossible. Some plants grow to the first two true leaves and then stand still or die. A few Members have grown them to three inches only to have them die then.

We need to know what conditions each Member is growing the seed under. Have you heat, mist spray or are they under glass in seedling mix or sand or are they in the garden situation.

Mr. Errol Thurston, Rosebery N.S.W. has raised *Calytrix glutinosa* to three inches in sand under glass, now showing signs of dying back.

Mrs. Ida Jackson, Kingscote, S.A. has raised a number of them only to have them die in hot windy conditions.

Mr. Russell Wait, Annuello, Robinvale, Vict., has raised a number of them and has the same problems.

I have waited for the cooler weather to again put down seed and am awaiting germination now. They seem to take a very long time to germinate if at all. Whether this is due to a specialised dormancy period has not come to light yet. But we must keep trying.

As most species come from W.A., I am having a great deal of trouble getting seed from last year's flowering due to the drought over there. Also, they may like lime and when I raise some will try some experiments.

I would like some hardwood cutting material, wrapped in damp newspaper and sealed in plastic if any Member has plants big enough to take some cuttings. Softwood cuttings turn black in my heated box.

*Calytrix tetragona* is the only big plant I have and I have been promised cuttings of *Calytrix frazeri*.

Mr. L.A. Craven, CSIRO, P.O. Box 1600, Canberra City A.C.T. 2601 would like pressed flowering pieces from their natural habitat for identification sent to him direct and including where they were growing naturally.

Where supplies of seed have permitted, I have sent some seeds to each Member to try. Species include *Calytrix brevifolia*, *C. brunioides*, *C. sullivanii*, *C. glutinosa*, *C. angulata*, *C. flavescens* and *C. tetragona*.

I am still awaiting answers to your results.

Membership Fee for 1978 of \$1.00 is now due.

Best of luck.

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GROUP LEADER