

SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTSCORREA STUDY GROUP

NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear Members,

A warm welcome to those who have joined this new study group and many thanks for the subscriptions and donations. We are still in a learning phase and need information on correas and their growing habits.

Marian Beek has been a gem and given me many cuttings, and together with Neil Marriot has shared her knowledge with me and offered much welcome advice. I would also like to thank Jan Simpson who has spent hours collecting cuttings and information for our group.

We have planted many rooted cuttings out at our Dulegal Arboretum and one day they will be big enough for members to have a share of cuttings. They are approx. 12 months old now and are doing very well, with even a few cheeky flowers appearing.

We hope to provide a slide collection so that members may borrow them; any donations will go towards this collection.

Our climate is similar to Canberra's. The ph ranges from 6.5 to 9.0 Doreen Goddard's ph is 9.0: she builds her beds up and the correas are very happy there. I have had to hill mine with a very sandy soil as my garden was made for ferns, nice and moist. Fancy complaining about a moist garden!

Correa pulchella, we found, was hard to strike and I haven't had a lot of success, although my last cuttings sent by Marian look promising.

Correa reflexa, "Fat Fred", has proven a big headache and makes me more determined than ever to grow one. I am now on my third plant!! Neil Marriot suggests I grow it hard at the base of a tree, so here goes again.

Judy Smith of S.G.A.P. Birds & Native Plants Study Group, sent us a back copy 1986 newsletter about birds and correas. Thank you, Judy. The only birds I have seen on correas are the little silvereyes, but perhaps as they grow we will get more birds.

Three newsletters will be issued next year. If you could fill in the enclosed questionnaire it will be a great help to the study group as we have seen very few correas growing in their native area. If you have any items of interest for our next newsletter they would be most welcome!

Adelaide S.G.A.P. Secretary John Porter and his wife Eileen called last winter on the way to sunny Queensland and left us some rooted cuttings. Thanks again and hope you're feeling better, John.

Correas being somewhat scarce here, the only ones the nurseries get are C. "Dusky Bells", C. reflexa salmon, C. calycina, and occasionally C. decumbens so you can imagine us waiting for flowers on the cuttings and new plants, rather like expectant mothers. I wonder how many correas there are.

C. reflexa Carpenters Rock is approx. 10" high and covered in brilliant orange christmassy bells. It is a delight.

Maria Hitchcock of Armidale S.G.A.P. writes that she's keen to get a complete collection of correas (Is this possible?) and also wants a collection for their arboretum.

I must admit a few years ago I was removing plants to make way for ferns and now I'm removing some of the ferns to make way for correas. Many people seem to need smaller natives for understorey plantings and correas do really fit the bill.

You can tell this is my first newsletter and there's not a great lot of information about correas, but that's what I really need to learn and that's where you can help me, I hope.

Would any member be able to provide cutting material to group members? If so could we have correa names to pass on? Members will need to pay postage and if writing to me could you please enclose S.A.E. for reply?

*Cherrie from  
Trish*

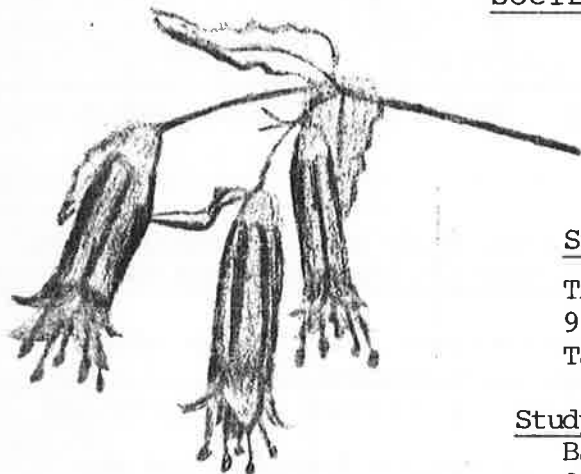
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