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Dear Members,

I had hoped to get this newsletter out sooner than this, but there are many reasons why I've not had time. The main one being, that there has been so much fine weather lately and I just can't resist getting into the garden when it is fine.

Last month I had a quick trip to the mainland with my husband. He was in Adelaide for a Sportsmen's Association Conference, so I decided to join him. While he was 'conferencing', I caught up with friends new and old. On the Sunday Wendy Popp, an Adelaide SGAP member, whose acquaintance I made at the ASGAP Conference in Adelaide in 1983, drove me up to meet Lyn Stewart at Mallala. Lyn showed us over the school nursery and we were greatly impressed, she has achieved a great deal organising the children with a propagation programme. The shrubs and trees are mostly planted in the school and in local parks and streets. We then joined Lyn's family for a beautiful barbeque. Karen, Lyn and Brian's daughter showed us more of her drawings. Some of Karen's drawings have been included in the SGAP S.A. Region newsletter along with Lyn's descriptions. I will include these from time to time in our newsletter, so that you can appreciate Karen's skill and learn of the S.A. Dods. Karen will draw more, if members will send good specimens to her. After lunch we looked over Lyn's extensive garden, where she is growing lots of Dods. and other Australian plants. I was only sorry that it was April as there is so little in flower at that time of the year.

On the Monday, I flew over to Kangaroo Island in a little Piper Aztec plane. I was delighted to find that the pilot would drive me to Ida Jackson's place from the airfield. I have been corresponding with Ida for some years, so it was a great opportunity to meet her and her husband. Ida took me for a walk to the bush near her place where we saw D. viscosa ssp. angustissima and D. baueri. After lunch Ida's husband let me drive his Jackeroo 4WD as Ida doesn't drive. That was a treat. We saw some interesting roadside bushland with many native plants new to me. Dodonaea humilis was the gem find of this afternoon's excursion and it's a great little plant. I have a lot of small plant from seed that Lyn Stewart collected in the Eyre Peninsula

I joined Don that night at a Sportsmen's Dinner. We then flew to Melbourne for 2 days to visit friends and relatives, arriving back in Tassie at 10.30 am on the Thursday. We delivered 'Meals on Wheels' at 11 am got home at 1.30 pm, unpacked and then packed up our Kombi campervan for a walking trip in Western Tasmania to see Australia's most beautiful deciduous tree (who dares dispute it!) in its autumn glory - Nothofagus gunnii. Many people go to the mountains to see this beautiful sight on Anzac weekend. We also visited a lovely waterfall - Heemskirk Falls - which is now drowned in a Hydro dam as Lake Pedder was some years ago. What will this generation leave for future generations, that is natural and beautiful??

Our lives seem to be a constant rush like this. I have taken on the jobs of Vice President of Tasmania Region and organiser of our 1986 Flower Show. I can only blame myself can't I?

CUTTING EXCHANGE

I haven't heard from anyone who is willing to participate in the cutting exchange idea. I can offer some cuttings from female plants of:

D. viscosa ssp. spatulata D. multifuga
 D. sinuolata ssp. sinuolata D. heteromorpha
 D. (un-named species from Chinchilla)

Remember that you sent all requests for cuttings to the person growing them and on receipt of the cutting material, you would send a cheque (or other) for the cost of the postage plus 50c. for packaging to the grower/supplier by RETURN MAIL.

GROWTH CHARTS

No response at all from members (what is happening to our members?) I don't think that the chart is very well designed, but any information you can supply is being recorded on master sheets. I'm slowly sifting through back correspondence to record information.

FINANCE

As you will recall the decision from the ASGAP Conference last year, was that all subscriptions will fall due on 30th June each year. To try and even this out, I will note in the box what I think you should pay to make each of you financial until 30th June, 1987

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brought forward	2.77	Postage	15.05
Subscriptions	23.00	Stencils	3.00
Donation	7.00	Copies of slides	7.20
		Envelopes	2.64
	32.77		27.89
Credit balance	\$4.88		

Many thanks to the Victorian Region for their donation of \$7.00

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members.
 Arnold Sandell, Lot 85 Greenwood Road, Tamborine, Qld. 4247.
 Gladys Holmes, Briggs Road, Brighton. Tas. 7030.
 Jo Walker, 16 Blundell Street, Queanbeyan, N.S.W. 2620.

We have had enquiries to join from Ryde College of Technical and Further Education and John Etheridge, Plant Marth Wholesale Growers, Clovis, California. U.S.A.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Last November, Peter and Anne Ratke sent me specimens of D. physocarpa and D. lanceolata var. subsessiliflora which they had found on a trip to the Herberton Ranges, with detailed descriptions of the locality in which they were found. These will be entered on our master sheets.

Ida Jackson found D. amblyophylla and D. stenogyga in the Eyre Peninsula on their way to W.A., but saw only one of the D. viscosa vars in the west. It might be an idea if one day we organise a study group trip to W.A. to search for Dods over there. On their return to Kingscote, Ida noted that plants of D. viscosa ssp. angustissima had both male and female flowers on the one plant - she had previously only seen male flowers and female flowers on separate plants. I gather that the D. viscosa ssp. do it either way. Thank you for the seed, Ida and for the excellent article on 'KANGAROO ISLAND DODONAEAS' for our 'Australian Plants' issue. I do hope that other members will follow suit.

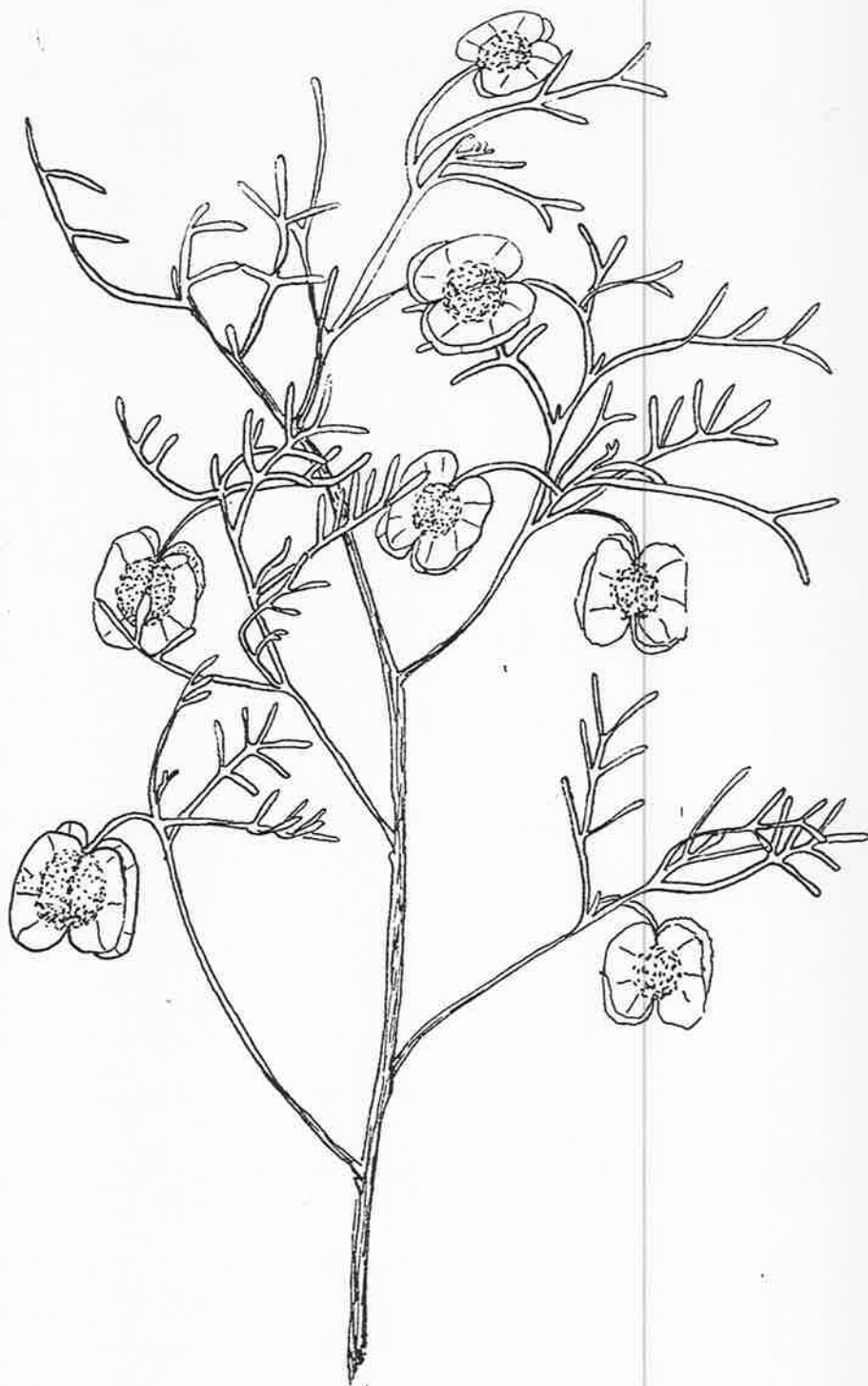
Joan Doney, a N.S.W. member whom I've known for some years had offered to collect D. camfieldi specimens for me. This arrived in January and has been added to our herbarium.

SEED LIST

D. adenophora	D. multijuga
D. baueri	D. peduncularis
D. bursariifolia	D. petiolaris
D. concinna	D. physocarpa
D. coriacea	D. ptarmicifolia
D. filifolia	D. rupicola
D. hackettiana	D. sinuolata ssp. sinuolata
D. heteromorpha	D. stenophylla
D. hexandra	D. subglandulifera
D. humilis	D. triangularis
D. inaequifolia	D. triquetra
D. lanceolata var. lanceolata	D. truncatiales
D. lobulata	D. viscosa ssp. angustissima
D. macrossani	D. viscosa ssp. burmanniana
D. microzyga ssp. microzyga	D. viscosa ssp. cuneata
D. microzyga ssp. acrolobata	D. viscosa ssp. spatulata

Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope when requesting seed. Please also note the many species that are NOT on our list and help us to obtain the seeds of these species. I have a request for seed of D. aptera and D. humifusa.

DODONAEA STENOZYGA F. Muell. is an erect, rounded and compact shrub. Its male and female flowers are found on separate plants, usually in spring and early summer, and the fruit can be seen on the plants at the same time, so I assume that the fruit persists for a long period. It grows from 0.5m to 1.5m high, the branches are erect and the branchlets tend to be angular. The leaves are loosely pinnate with 2 - 6 or even sometimes 10 terete leaflets. D. concinna is the only other Dodonaea which has more or less terete leaflets, but its leaflets are smaller and usually more numerous. The inconspicuous flowers form in 2s or 3s in the axils of the leaves. The capsule is 4 winged purple-brown, or red to black when mature. It is found in a variety of soil types from dry areas between southern Western Australia and north-western Victoria, including the Eyre Peninsula and the Mullarbor Plain. I haven't succeeded in growing D. stenozyga as yet, cuttings sent from W.A. failed to strike and so far we haven't had any seed in the seed bank.



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STENOZYGA