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Hullo Members,
This Newsletter is short for two reasons, one I have been extremely busy at work and two, I have not received much information from you. Thanks to Pam and David Shiells on propagation.
Best wishes
Kerry Davis

Hibbertia Hunt at Bairnsdale - 3&4 September 1994

Ron McKeown from SGAP Bairnsdale will be guiding us around hibbertia country near Bairnsdale. Ron has just completed a field trip with the Correa Study Group which was very successful; during this time he sussed out the locations of hibbertias.

We will meet Ron outside the Information centre in Bairnsdale at 10 am Saturday 3rd. The Information Centre is next to MacDonalds on the left hand side just before the first set of traffic lights if travelling from Melbourne.

The program is:

Saturday Wiseleigh or Moormung Forest
 Colquhoun State Forest

(On Saturday bring a cut lunch and drink).

Sunday Colquhoun State Forest

 Lake Tyers Forest Park

 Bring your own food for BBQ lunch at Ron and Pat's place.

The program may vary as Ron will endeavour to take us to the places where the hibbertias are flowering at the time.

If you intend to go on this field trip please let me know by 1st September (03 759 9131) so that I can have a roll call 10 am Saturday morning.

Ron and Pat McKeown have a wholesale nursery at "Quamby", Lot 12 Punt Road, Metung (051 564463).

Ron says that if you are down on Friday and want to see their garden give him a call.

We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic person like Ron to show us around and I hope you take the opportunity and see you there.

Propagation

What better way to brighten your garden than to have splashes of yellow throughout.

We have only propagated hibbertias by cuttings not really set up for seed growing. Of the hibbertias we have grown there appears to be few problems.

Cuttings can be taken at anytime but firm new growth is best with fleshy species such as *H. scandens*, *H. stellaris*, *H. obtusifolia*, *H. grossulariifolia*, *H. vestita* striking very quickly. *H. pedunculata* will take very quickly even from woody material. Usually if you take woody material strike rate will be poor.

A grey leafed upright form of *H. obtusifolia* (Central Victoria) has proved difficult to strike, but this may have been because of incorrect material.

We use our general propagating mix of 10 parts sharp grit, 4 parts granulated polystyrene, 3 parts potting mix, 2 parts peat moss but any well drained open mix will do.

Species propagated - several unnamed species, *H. empetrifolia*, *H. obtusifolia* (3 forms), *H. scandens*, *H. pedunculata*, *H. vestita* (2 forms), *H. dentata*, *H. grossulariifolia*, *H. cuneiformis*, *H. stellaris* (2 forms), *H. longifolia*, *H. aspera* and *H. microphylla*.

We have found *H. dentata* seedlings come up by the hundreds in the garden. They much prefer to go through another bush rather than the trellis we have for it.

H. aspera is another plant that seeds well, also *H. pedunculata* popping up here and there.

All going well despite October flood but more recently a full week of very severe frosts.

Well happy growing
Pam and David Shiells

Next Meeting

Will be held at Kawarra Gardens

Saturday 27 August

1.30 to 4.00 pm

Hope to see you there.