

With the advent of new members, and some of the older members, the question is asked what Hibbertias can I grow in my area. Numerous Hibbertias can be found growing either in cultivation, or in their natural habitat over a large area of Australia, in varying soils and conditions. Hibbertias Scandens from N.S.W. and Q.L.D. is one that has been grown with success in all states. I have recently brought a plant to Karratha to the Government Nursery, in an endeavour to see if it can be successfully grown in the Pilbara area of W.A. I have been here since October, 1981, but find that no Hibbertias are to be found in this particular area, so am hoping that Hibbertia Scandens will be successful.

In an endeavour to create more interest among members I would like to embark on a project which all members can contribute to, whether you are a successful propagator or not. I have selected 6 species one of each at least is indigenous to all states, and have been successfully grown over a wide area of Australia. If you can record their growth rate, flowering period, soil conditions, watering etc over a 12 month period, hopefully we should be able to let others know what species can be grown successfully in various areas and situations. On completion of the first 12 months a further list will be sent to give you some idea of the information required, any additional information or ideas would be welcome.

The plants selected for recording are: Hibbertias Amplexicaulis, Cuneiformis, Dentata, Scandens, Sericea and Serphyllifolia.

From information I have received the majority of members have at least one of these Hibbertias growing.

I would suggest that we start in July, 1982 so as to get all information back by July, 1983, which would give a uniform period of recording. This will also give you time to let me know of any queries or ideas which you think could be added.

Following are some of the mixes used for Propagation, and species being successfully propagated and grown by various members.

1. MARION SIMMONDS - Tasmania
  - Potting Medium - 3 parts gravel, 1 part loam, bluemetal chips in base of pot.
  - Method - Cuttings placed in fibre glass house with automatic spray system.
  - Plants - Hibbertias Aspera, Dentata, Procumbens, Riparia, Scandens and Stellaris.
  
2. ANNE KERR - Victoria
  - Potting Medium - 2 parts river sand, 1 part peat moss.
  - Method - Cutting dipped in Serdix No. 2, placed in propagation box with plastic cover.
  - Plants - Hibbertias Empetrifolia, Scandens, Stellaris and Stricta.
  
3. JOHN KNIGHT - Victoria
  - Potting Medium - 2 Pine peat, 1 fine sand, 2 coarse river sand, 1 loam, 1 ligna peat.
  - Plants - Hibbertias Amplexicaulis, Fasciculata, Humifusa, Hypericoides, Microphylla, Obtusifolia, Procumbens,

As can be seen from the above various potting mixes, and systems can be used, and many species of Hibbertias successfully propagated, so to those of you a little backward, give it a go.

A point of interest is that last July I was sent some cuttings from Victoria, which included numerous Hibbertias, some with roots already formed, they were packed in a plastic box with spagnum moss. Being working away at this time they were placed in the refrigerator (out on the patio fortunately as the spagnum moss penetrated into milk and bread) and left for just over a month before I arrived home. A large amount of the cuttings appeared to still have life in them, and among these were several Hibbertias, I was successful in propagating Hibbertia Amplexicaulis Obtusifolia, and Scandens cuttings without roots and Hibbertia Bracteata and Dentata with roots of the other species correas were very successful. Hibbertia Amplexicaulis and Bracteata have recently died but the other Hibbertias have survived with good vigorous growth.

The following are descriptions of Hibbertias being grown by members. I would appreciate if any additional information could be forwarded local areas where found, soil, surrounding vegetation etc.

1. HIBBERTIA ASPERA - Vic, S.A., N.S.W., TAS.

A slender straggling plant 90cm high by 1.8m diameter, woody trailing stems covered with short hairs. Leaves up to 1cm in length, oblong with fine hairs on underside, and calyx. Yellow flowers solitary or in small groups in the leaf axils up to 1cm in diameter during the summer, with odd flowers throughout the year. The stamens are 10 to 12 on one side of the carpel. Hibbertias Aspera is found over a wide area in coastal, tablelands and mountain areas. Prefers well drained soils in a protected situation.

2. HIBBERTIA DENTATA - Vic, N.S.W., Q.L.D.

A smooth, robust, slightly fleshy mat plant or climber, often with soft woolly young branches, woody at the base. The leaves linear to obvate or spatulate 4 to 6cm long. The young leaves normally a bronze colour. Flowering solitary on short pedicels 4 to 5cm in diameter, and large brownish bracts, with stamens around carpel. Favours shady areas among rock on coast and coastal mountains, medium to heavy moist soil with some protection. Flowering period is summer and of a gold colour.

3. HIBBERTIA FASCICULATA - S.A., Vic, N.S.W., Q.L.D., TAS.

A small, much branched woody plant 40cm high by 1m diameter. Leaves in clusters narrow linear 4 to 12mm long and 1mm wide, glabrous or a sparse cover of soft hairs. Flowers stalkless 1 to 1.5cm in diameter, yellow flowers during spring and summer. Found in heaths at sea level to an altitude of 900m, and forest country. Stamens 8 to 12 in 3 groups around the carpel. Succeeds in well drained light to medium soils in open to semi-shaded positions. Hibbertia Fasciculata varies in its form in the southern part, e.g. - Victoria and Tasmania to plants in N.S.W. and Queensland.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO DECEMBER, 1981.

INCOME FROM OCTOBER, 1977 to 31 DECEMBER, 1981

Subscriptions	-	\$61-15
Stamps (Return Postage)		2-00
TOTAL		<u>\$63-15</u>

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EXPENSES FROM DECEMBER, 1977 to 31 DECEMBER, 1981.

Stationary	-	\$ 6-03
Newsletters and Information Sheets		20-20
Postage		33-58
Slide Collection		14-95
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TOTAL		\$74-76
Less		63-15
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