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SPECIES

Grevillea formosa

COMMON NAME

Mt Brockman Grevillea

ORIGIN

Kakadu, Northern Territory Australia

DESIGN USE

Unusual ornaments for gardens and bird-attracting



HEIGHT

0.5–1m

SPREAD

2–3m

HABIT

Prostrate woody shrub.

FORM

Spreading often sprawling, ferny leaf shrub.

FLOWERS

Greenish-yellow flowers crowded on upper side of 'toothbrush' like terminal racemes 15-25cm long.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Autumn to Winter

VARIATIONS

"Golden Lyre" (*Grevillea formosa* x 'Honey Gem')

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Grevilleas are fast growing but often short lived, more so if grown under the wrong conditions. They prefer drier, sunny climates in poor, very well-drained soils that are low in phosphorous.

HORTICULTURE

Light regular pruning promoted more flowers, denser growth and prolongs their lifespan. Hybrids generally are more vigorous and flower longer than species, but must be propagated by cuttings to maintain type.

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