

## Lace Net Grevillea *Grevillea stenomera*



### Description

This is a most attractive plant with silver, bluish-grey foliage. It can reach a height of 2 m and would be very suitable for screening but also is an excellent subject for a feature plant. It is classed as a priority species for conservation in the wild.

### Flowers

The large pale pink, orange-pink or orange-red inflorescences are half-hidden within the foliage but make a beautiful contrast with it. The flowering period is long—late winter to early summer. Flowers are very attractive to birds as they produce plenty of nectar.

### Growing conditions

This grevillea requires a well-drained site in full sun with a soil neutral to slightly alkaline. It can tolerate dry and coastal conditions (perhaps not full exposure) and is tolerant of light frost.

### Watering

Establish the plant by watering well initially and ensuring that until established it does not dry out, after which it should not require watering except in very prolonged dry summer spells. Water only at roots, not overhead. An open mulch is also recommended to conserve moisture.

### Pruning

Tip-prune during establishment and regularly after flowering to develop and maintain the desired form.

### Fertiliser

Apply slow-release, native-blend fertiliser at time of planting and annually as required in the spring months.

### Pests and diseases

Grevilleas in general may be susceptible to 'dieback' (the soil-borne disease caused by the organism *Phytophthora cinnamomi*). The best means of minimising the possibility of infection is to source plants from registered suppliers and to plant in free-draining soil.



### Miscellaneous

Unlike some Western Australian grevilleas this is not commonly grown in domestic gardens but it is a spectacular shrub and will reward the gardener who chooses to grow it either as a contrast or as a feature plant.

### Further Information

*Gardening Advisory Service*, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.  
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