

## Drummond's Grevillea *Grevillea drummondii*



### Description

*Grevillea drummondii* is a spreading, dense shrub growing to a height of 0.3–1.0 m. Its flower clusters hang at the ends of short branchlets, surrounded by small, thick leaves. It is classed as a priority species for conservation in the wild.

### Flowers

The pendant flowers, yellow at first, but ageing to orange with red-tipped styles, are most abundant from June to September.

### Growing conditions

In its natural habitat *Grevillea drummondii* grows in sandy clay, gravel, loam and sand. In cultivation, grow the plant in partial shade and acid to neutral soils that are free-draining. Plant in the autumn or winter months. Once established, the plants are tolerant of drought conditions and light frost.

### Watering

Water well at planting time and monitor soil moisture until the next winter. Give a deep watering twice a week during the first summer and autumn. Thereafter, it should not be necessary to give extra water unless there is a prolonged dry spell. Water only at roots, not overhead.

### Pruning

Light tip pruning during establishment will help develop good form. Prune lightly after flowering to maintain the desired form and to promote new growth.

### 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

This grevillea species is named for James Drummond, the first government naturalist in Western Australia. After assisting the early settlers with the establishment of food crops, Drummond travelled widely, collecting specimens of the State's unique flora.

### Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners. Phone: (08) 9480 3672 or Email: [garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au](mailto:garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au).

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