

## Flame Grevillea *Grevillea eriostachya*



### Description

*Grevillea eriostachya* is a bushy, upright shrub some 1.5 m by 1.5 m with long, thin, grey-green leaves. It sends up tall leafless branches capped with spectacular yellow flowers of torch-like appearance, giving rise to its common name of Flame Grevillea.

### Flowers

Large, dense racemes of orange-yellow, sticky flowers from 10–30 cm long, are held clear of the foliage throughout the year, peaking in spring.

### Growing conditions

These shrubs tolerate a wide range of free-draining soils. They must be planted in a sunny position. Plant in the autumn and winter months and once established they are tolerant of drought conditions and light frost.

### Watering

Water well at planting time and monitor soil moisture until the next winter. If required 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

It is best not to prune off flowering canes as these continue to produce flowers for some years.

### 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

The nectar-rich flowers will attract honeyeaters to the garden.

### Further Information

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