

Olive Grevillea *Grevillea olivacea*



Description

This large shrub with olive-like leaves can grow up to 4 m by 4 m and last for 10 years or more in the home garden. Its growing habit is dense and it can be used to form a hedge or screen.

Flowers

This Grevillea species generally flowers from June through to September, although in the garden it may flower irregularly for most of the year. Flower colours include yellow, orange, red and pink and the flowers are very attractive to birds.

Growing conditions

The Olive Grevillea is a proven performer in all soil types providing there is good drainage. Naturally occurring in coastal areas, this species thrives in gardens close to the sea. It is best planted in autumn/winter in a sunny position.

Watering

Once established this plant is very hardy and probably needs no supplementary summer watering.

Pruning

The Olive Grevillea is highly responsive to pruning and may be hedged or trimmed to a size or shape suitable for many positions in the home garden.

Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at planting and annually as required in spring.

Pests and diseases

This is one of the hardiest native plants and suffers from few pests and diseases with scale being one of the few exceptions.

Miscellaneous

This plant is an unusual Western Australian species as its olive leaf colour is quite distinctive. It stands out within natural plant communities and has great ornamental value for home gardens.



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.

Pest and Diseases Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Food.
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