

Spider Net Grevillea *Grevillea preissii*



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

In the wild this grevillea has a number of forms all confined to the west coastal areas of Western Australia between Lancelin and Bunbury. It has attractive dark-green foliage and develops into a rounded shrub with a height of about 60 cm. It makes a good specimen shrub for a large pot and is an ideal general garden plant.

Flowers

The conspicuous and profuse inflorescences with their bright red flowers create a pleasing contrast with the foliage. Flowering is for a long period from about May to September.

Growing conditions

A position in full sun is best for this easy-to-grow plant. It is lime tolerant and suitable for growing in the coastal suburbs (although perhaps not fully exposed to strong sea winds). It can also be grown in neutral soils in deep sand but it must have good drainage. Lightly-shaded sites can be tolerated as can the occasional 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 in summer is also recommended.

Pruning

In general, these plants are best tip-pruned regularly to maintain the desired form. It can tolerate more severe pruning if required.

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

Try clipping it as a low flowering hedge.



Further Information

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

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