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Plant of the month



Wattlebird Yellow Grevillea



Common Name: Wattlebird Yellow Grevillea
Scientific Name: *Grevillea* 'Wattlebird Yellow'
Family: Proteaceae
Genus: Grevillea is named after Charles Francis Greville who was one of the founders of the London Royal Horticultural Society in 1804.
Cultivar name: It is called 'Wattlebird' as it was cultivated to attract nectar-eating birds such as wattlebirds, with its bright yellow colour.

About

There are 362 distinct species of grevillea as well as countless cultivars and hybrids. Grevilleas have become popular in gardens both in Australia and overseas.

The majority of grevilleas occur in areas where bushfires are relatively frequent. Although a few can regenerate from lignotubers or epicormic buds after a fire, most are killed by fire and rely on seed germination for their continued survival.

Many grevilleas attract honey-eating birds, bees, butterflies and other insects which act as pollinators for the plants, moving pollen from one flower to another.

Naturally compact, Wattlebird Yellow Grevillea is a low maintenance variety that can be used for informal hedging, pot culture and as a feature plant. It is also popular in floral arrangements.

There are many different grevilleas in the Connections Garden and our Growing Friends Plant Sales sell a range of varieties throughout the year. Other yellow-flowering varieties include Sandra Gordon Grevillea.

Note that grevilleas can cause skin irritation to some people. If you are affected wear protective clothing when handling grevilleas.



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Native Habitat

These plants grow well in sand, loam, sandy loam and clay loam soils.

Distribution

Most grevillea species are endemic to Australia with a few occurring in Papua New Guinea and islands to Australia's north.

Description

Wattlebird Yellow Grevillea is an evergreen perennial shrub with dark green, finely divided leaves. It is compact in habit growing 1 to 2 metres in height and will grow in most soil types if they are well drained.

Flowers

This showy robust grevillea has abundant large bright yellow toothbrush shaped flowers that are produced all year round. They are long lasting when cut.

Fruit

Following flowering, thin-walled seed pods develop, each containing one or two seeds. The pods open when the seed is mature. Seeds often have a papery wing to allow them to be distributed by the wind.

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