PLANT FACT SHEET

Grevillea pteridifolia Knight

GENUS *Grevillea* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden Grevillea, Green-leaved Grevillea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar, Leaves - flavouring, Seeds

The nectar is sucked from the flowers or shaken into water and drunk.
The leaves have also been used to add flavouring when cooking emus.

DESCRIPTION

A slender tree. It grows 5-8 m high. It spreads 3-7 m wide. The leaves are silvery. The whole leaf is 15-43 cm long and it is divided into narrow lobes. These can be 7-30 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. They are fine. The flowers are bright orange or red. The style sticks out. They are 1.5-3 cm long and are arranged along a long stalk 10-20 cm long. These are produced near the ends of branches. The fruit is a somewhat woody follicle. It is 1.5-2 cm long and 1 cm wide. They occur in dense clusters and contain 2 brown seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. Plants can grow on a wide range of soils. It can stand occasionally water-logging. It grows naturally in open forests often on sandy soils. It is damaged by frost. It cannot stand wet winters. It suits hardiness zones 9-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or from tip cuttings. The seed coat needs to be peeled off.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are fast growing. They are short lived. They may only live 6-8 years.

NOTES

There are 250 Grevillea species. It is a declared noxious weed in the USA.

PICTURES



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