

*Hibbertia spicata*  
subsp. *leptotheca*

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GLOSSY-LEAVED COASTAL  
GUINEA FLOWER

Flowering period: July–October.

Description: Low-growing, erect to spreading shrub to 50 cm high with distinctive glossy foliage. Leaves linear, 0.8–30 mm long with margins inrolled with undersurface densely and finely hairy. Flowers on short stalks, somewhat pendulous, 2–3 per spike, 1 cm across with 10–15 stamens per flower.

Pollination: Most likely pollinated by native beetles that are the common pollinators for other native guinea flower species.

Distribution: Widespread but not a frequently encountered species in coastal limestone and secondary dunes from Lancelin to Yalgorup National Park. Often found on limestone where the plant is often highly wind-pruned.

Propagation: From cuttings taken during the growth phase in early winter. Specialised propagation is required as guinea flowers can be difficult to root from cuttings. Difficult and unreliable to grow from seed due to deep, intractable seed dormancy. *Hibbertia* species germinate in the native seed bank following application of smoke products.

Uses in restoration: Not often found in restoration programs most likely due to the difficulty in propagation. Useful for increasing biodiversity values of secondary or stabilised dunes and limestone areas, particularly if protected from direct wind and provided with full sun.

Notes: An attractive species for the home garden with glossy foliage, long flowering period and brightly coloured flowers. Useful rockery species.



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