

Hibbertia subvaginata

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GREY-LEAVED COASTAL
GUINEA FLOWER**Flowering period:** July–December.**Description:** Erect to spreading, occasionally prostrate, low shrub to 80 cm high with grey-green, 2–3 cm long, 0.2–0.7 cm wide leaves with distinctive dilated base that is stem-clasping (see photo below). Flowers 1–3, 2.5 cm wide on short stalks produced in the axils of the leaves.**Pollination:** Most likely by native beetles that are known to visit other members of the guinea flower family.**Distribution:** Widespread in stable primary dunes and heathlands in secondary dunes from Kalbarri to Albany. In the Perth region often found in low heath in older dunes and may extend to areas of sand over limestone.**Propagation:** Difficult from cuttings. Strike cuttings during the growing season and ensure plants are well established before transplanting. Seed propagation for most species of *Hibbertia* is difficult as a result of having deep dormancy in the seeds partially as a result of a small, underdeveloped embryo in the seed that requires extended periods of exposure to moisture to enable the embryo to mature.**Uses in restoration:** Useful species for stabilised dune vegetation in protected, full sun locations; however, not readily available for restoration. Can be an attractive species and is useful for increasing the biodiversity values of dune restoration.**Notes:** Highly attractive species for the home garden with its soft grey-green foliage off-set by the bright yellow flowers. Ensure full sun situations and prune out old wood once flowering has finished.

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