

## Red spider flower

### *Grevillea speciosa*

#### What is it?

This grevillea is a shrub, which grows up 2m tall. Leaves are ovate and are less than 5cm long with silvery hairs on the underside, and pendant clusters of flowers which appear in month months of the year but mainly spring, and have a spider-like appearance. The flowers are bright red and form in loose circles on a conspicuous stalk, either at the ends of branches or amongst leaves. With a spreading form, it lends itself for use on slopes. Preferring open sunny positions with a free draining and low phosphorous soil, *Grevillea speciosa* is able to tolerate dry periods and responds well to regular pruning after flowering.



#### Where do they occur?

*Grevillea speciosa* is found in heath or woodland, primarily on sandstone. It is endemic to the Sydney area, and is particularly common on the sandstone plateaus north of the harbour.

