

# ACRA

AUSTRALIAN CULTIVAR REGISTRATION AUTHORITY Inc.  
ABN 37410355117

This form has two purposes:

- 1) Registration of cultivars of Australian native plants; or
- 2) Submission of herbarium specimens of Australian native plants for Plant Breeders Rights (PBR) with supporting documentation.

This form can be completed and submitted online with payment through PayPal. Alternatively it can be completed online, printed and submitted via post with an enclosed cheque.

**Application fee - \$99 (electronic payment by PayPal) \$110 (payment by cheque)**

The fees charged cover some of the costs of storing and processing herbarium specimens.

**Note: Study groups registered with ANPSA will have the fee waived**

Is this application on behalf of an ANPSA Study Group and therefore eligible for a free submission? Yes:  No:

Please give the name of the Study Group:

## Applicant Details

**Name of applicant:**

First Name:  Family Name:

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:  Fax:

Is this variety/cultivar subject to a PBR application? Yes:  No:

Please give the PBR Number if known:

**Name of Qualified Person:**

First Name:  Family Name:

Email Address:

Telephone:  Fax:

**Are you the Originator of the variety/cultivar?** Yes  No  Don't know

(The Originator is deemed to be the person(s) who first produced or bred the variety/cultivar)

If the applicant is not the Originator, give the Originator's name and address:

Name:

Address:

**Is the origin of the variety/cultivar known?** Yes  No

If the origin is unknown, please give any other information which may be useful eg. the plant was purchased at a plant sale or was given to you.

**Are you the Introducer of the variety/cultivar?** Yes  No  Don't know

(The Introducer is deemed to be the person(s) who widely distributes the variety/cultivar, usually through a nursery)

If you are not the Introducer, give the Introducer's name and address:

Name:

Address:

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## Variety/Cultivar Names

**Give the name that you are submitting.**

The name should include the generic and specific names. (Do not include species names if the variety/cultivar is a hybrid)

Genus:

Species:

Subspecies Rank:

Subspecies Name:

Cultivar Name:

Is there a synonym?

Yes

No

Please give details

**Give a reason for the choice of the name (not compulsory)**

e.g. whether it is a person's or a place name, who the person is; if it is a district name; if the name describes an aspect of the plant's morphology. (This information is helpful for inclusion in the description and can be an important part of the registration requirements)

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**Origin and Parentage of the variety/cultivar**

**Origin of the variety/cultivar - TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

A result of a controlled pollination / manipulated cross

In this case, state what were the female and male parent?

Female

Male

Open pollination  
state the presumed parent species

Spontaneous mutation or sport

Induced mutation or sport

Wild source

A selection (from a seed germination event)

Chance find

When was the variety/cultivar first selected or introduced?

dd/mm/yy

## Description of Variety/Cultivar (not compulsory for PBR Purposes)

Form:

Foliage density:

Height:

m

Width:

m

( figures may be decimal eg. 1.5)

Flower colour:

Flower size:

mm x mm

Foliage colour:

Inflorescence size:

mm x mm

Flowering period.

From:

To:

## Distinctiveness

List the varieties/cultivars that you have selected as comparators. Please give at least one.

Comparator 1:

Choose the distinctive characteristics that you consider distinguish the variety/cultivar from this comparator (more than one box may be ticked):

Size of plant:

Habit:

Flower Size:

Flower Colour:

Leaf Size:

Leaf Colour:

Fruit Size:

Fruit Colour:

New Growth:

Comparator 2:

Choose the distinctive characteristics that you consider distinguish the variety/cultivar from this comparator (more than one box may be ticked):

Size of plant:

Habit:

Flower Size:

Flower Colour:

Leaf Size:

Leaf Colour:

Fruit Size:

Fruit Colour:

New Growth:

Comparator 3:

Choose the distinctive characteristics that you consider distinguish the variety/cultivar from this comparator (more than one box may be ticked):

Size of plant:

Habit:

Flower Size:

Flower Colour:

Leaf Size:

Leaf Colour:

Fruit Size:

Fruit Colour:

New Growth:

Please provide a rationale for your choice of these comparators, including grouping characteristics if relevant.

## Uniformity and Stability

**Each variety/cultivar must be uniform and stable in its distinctive characteristics.**

A variety/cultivar is taken to be uniform if, subject to the variation that may be expected from the particular features of its propagation, it is uniform in its distinctive characteristics.

A variety/cultivar is taken to be stable if its distinctive characteristics remain unchanged after repeated propagation.

### Stability for Candidate Varieties Maintained by Seed

Plants grown from a minimum two seed generations of the candidate variety/cultivar should be so alike that they could not be declared distinct from each other for any other characteristic used to show distinctness of the candidate variety/cultivar from the comparator or varieties.

Propagation Method: Cuttings:  Grafting:  Seed:  Tissue culture:

State how many times the candidate variety/cultivar has been propagated (1, 2 etc.):

Has the candidate variety/cultivar remained uniform and stable? Yes:  No:

If it has not remained uniform and stable please explain.

## Cultivation

**The questions in this section are not compulsory but would provide useful information if completed, in full or in part.**

Has the variety/cultivar been cultivated in the ground or in pots? Ground:  Pots:  Both:

How long has it been cultivated for?  Years

If the variety/cultivar has been previously known by another name please give details, especially when and in what publication

Has the variety/cultivar been previously described?

Yes:

No:

If yes, give details, especially when and in what publication

Has the variety/cultivar won any awards?

Yes:

No:

If yes, give details

## Additional Requirements

### Photographs

Variety/cultivar descriptions with photos will be posted on the ACRA website and also published. It is therefore a requirement of registration to forward at least one faithful quality digital image which well illustrates the distinctive feature(s) of the variety/cultivar (where the feature(s) can be illustrated). This image will be retained in the Australian National Botanic Gardens Image Collection and published as necessary with credits to the photographer.

Image files must be in JPEG or TIFF format with a minimum size of 3000 by 2000 pixels and a maximum file size of 1MB. Please ensure each file name is unique and preferably meaningful.

Image file name 1:

When you submit this form please attach the files you have specified to the generated email before sending.

Image file name 2:

I own the copyright (©) of these images and hereby donate them to the Australian National Botanic Gardens Image Collection for unrestricted use and to be accessible via the Internet.

Name of photographer:

Photographers' signature:  
(only required if completing  
form by hand)

### Herbarium Specimen and Colour Coding

**Herbarium specimens are required for both ACRA registration and PBR applicants.**

Herbarium specimens must be a true representation of the variety/cultivar. If possible the specimen should include flowers, fruit, leaves and roots as all will assist in confirming taxonomic identity.

For ACRA registration applicants a fresh **flowering** specimen is essential for colour coding.

PBR applicants may choose to press their herbarium specimens in advance. If so, specimens should be pressed flat and be fully dry before posting with appropriate documentation.

## Processing and Transport of Fresh Specimens

Plant material supplied needs to be 250-300mm long, placed in a large press-sealed plastic bag with a small amount of water (a couple short sprays) to keep the plant material fresh and be mailed preferably by **express post**. Please package so that the plant material cannot be squashed and send early in the week. If the variety/cultivar has not flowered and is thought unlikely to do so, a flowering specimen of the parent plant may be supplied in addition (please provide additional documentation to clearly state this).

## Colour Coding (not compulsory for PBR)

If the variety/cultivar has already been colour coded Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Colour Charts must be used.

Year of publication:      1995                       2005                       other

Leaves Group              Code number

Flowers Group              Code number

## Propagation Material

Cutting material or a plant of the variety/cultivar would be appreciated for the living collection at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Plants will be displayed and labelled appropriately. In some cases where flowers spoil quickly after cutting, having plants in the ground represents the best way to collect fresh flowering material for colour coding.

An understanding is given that no live plant material of the variety/cultivar will be distributed by the ACRA or the Australian National Botanic Gardens unless prior written permission of the applicant has been given.

**Please send plant material to the address given below.**

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## Submission to ACRA

### Electronic Submission

Clicking on the submit button will take you to our Paypal site to enable you to pay your fee (unless you have indicated that you are a member of an ANPSA study group and are eligible for a free submission). By clicking on submit and paying your fee you are certifying that the information given in this form is correct to the best of your knowledge

**SUBMIT**

Submission number:

### Postal Submission

If you have elected to submit this application by post then please print out a copy, sign and date it below, then send it with your remittance to:

The Registrar - ACRA, Australian National Botanic Gardens,  
Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain, Acton, ACT 2601

I certify that the information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Date: