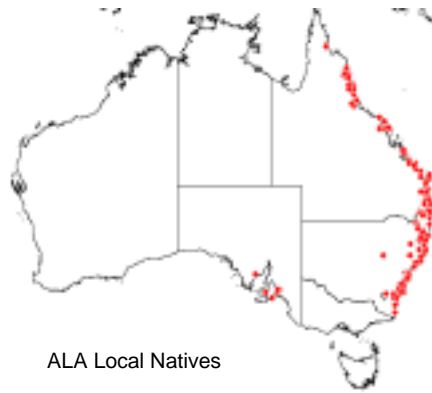


Dilleniaceae
Hibbertia scandens
 Twining guinea flower

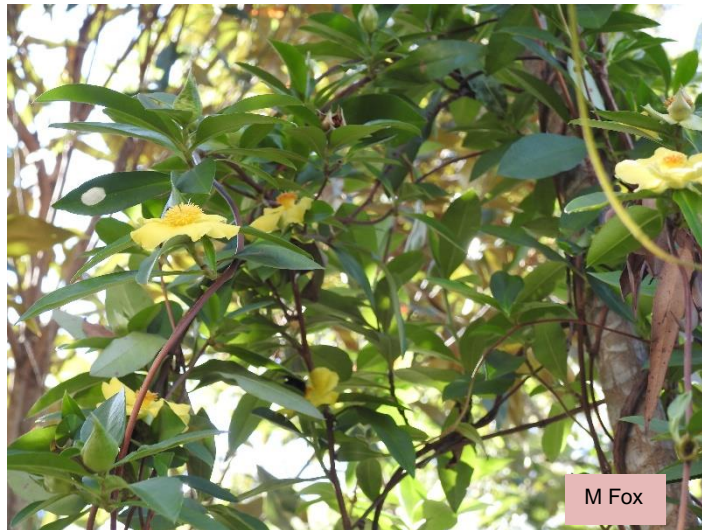
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ALA Local Natives



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- ETYMOLOGY** (hib-ER-sha) After George Hibbert 1757-1837 London merchant with private botanic gardens; The species scandens = climbing;
- LIFEFORM** Climber 4 m long
- ORIGIN** Mount Zero N Qld to Mt Dromedary NSW, Vic, SA (NG)
- HABITAT** Sand Dunes, Forests, Wet Temperate/Complex Tropical/Lowland Rainforest
- LEAVES** Alternate, 3-11 x 1-3 cm, oblanceolate, apex acute or obtuse, base tapered stalkless or indistinct petioles, very shortly toothed, hairless, below silky; petiole indistinct and encircling the stem; both sides clothed in minute pale soft hairs;
- FLOWERS** Yellow, 2.5-4 cm, petals, sepals silky hairy outside, stamens 10 in 2 rows, filaments flattened slightly connate at base, carpels 2 glabrous; bisexual, **Flowering Times:** July, Dec, Jan
- FRUIT** Follicle, 8-12 mm, hairless, 3-7 per flower, hairless, surrounded by persistent sepals; opening to reveal seeds with orange arils. 4 cm, containing 3-7 seeds, 5 mm, covered in shining red-orange aril; **Fruiting Times:** Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, May
- BARK** Papery or flaky bark **STEM** Vigorous trailer or climber
- ETHNOBOTANY** Beach revegetation; Screen, Attractive garden groundcover and indoor container plant quickly covers wire support; scented (stink) to attract flies for pollination.
- INSECTS** **Moth caterpillars:** *Acroclita hibbertiana*, *Cruria donowani*, *Eutrichopidia latinus*, *Gnathothlibus erotus*, *Phricanthes asperana* *Hippotion celerio*, *Periscepta polysticta*, *Phalaenoides glycinae*, *Pollaninus subdolosa*, *Pollaninus viridipulverulenta*, *Theretra oldenlandiae*;
- BIRDS** Seeds with aril eaten by Brown Fruit-dove, Green Catbird, Olive-backed Oriole, Pied Currawong, Paradise Riflebird, Victoria Riflebird
- COMMENTS** Scented flowers pollinated by *Melangy viridiceps* (Hoverfly); Dies down in dry times & reshoots;