



***Grevillea robusta* A. Cunn.**

Family: Proteaceae

Common names: Silver oak, Silky oak



Description:

Grevillea robusta is a medium to large sized evergreen tree. Its Crown is conical, dense, with branches projecting upwards. Bark is fissured, dark grey to dark brown, and inner bark is reddish-brown. Leaves are alternate, fern like, pinnately compound, 15-30 cm long and exstipulate. Flowers are showy, yellowish, numerous, paired, on long slender stalks, composed of 4 narrow yellow or orange sepals. Fruits are pod like, broad, slightly flattened, 2 cm long and black with long slender stalk . Pod contain 1 or 2 seeds.

Utilization:

It is a popular ornamental tree because of its fern like foliage even in areas where it does not flower abundantly. Silk-oak is an important honey tree in India. (Sagwal, 1984). The wood is used to manufacture furniture, fences etc. However, its wood contains an allergen that causes dermatitis to many people (Skolmen,1974).

Part	Uses
Wood	Furniture

References:

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