

Ivory Curl

(taken from information provided by Barbara Wintringham)

The Brisbane Botanical Gardens, Mt. Coot-tha, has an extensive collection of pictures and detailed descriptions of their plants. They also provide information on where to see them.

- **Plant name genus** is Buckinghamia.
- **Species** is Celsissima.
- **Common name** is Ivory Curl.
- **Family** is Proteaceae.
- **Origin** is North Queensland.
- **Location** in the Gardens is beside the ring road, opposite the new herbarium. A small shrub grows beside the back entrance to the Japanese Garden.
- **Flowering time** is from January to March.
- **Habit** is bushy tree or shrub covered with long, cream, scented flowers. They are rich in nectar that attracts bees.
- **Leaves** are simple elliptical, dark green with carspicious venation, paler and hairy beneath.
- **Flowers** are dense racemes up to 20 cm long, fragrant and a white/cream color.
- **Seeds** are Leathery follicles, about 2.5 cm long.
- **Fruit** is ripe April to July.
- **Propagation** may be achieved from cuttings or seeds. From cuttings it can be successful, but slow. Seeds are easy to germinate and produce plants that flower in three years. Remove seed from follicle before sewing.
- **Other interesting notes** would include that it is a hardy and spectacular tree. It has a rounded canopy of dense foliage, flushed red during periods of growth. The best looking trees grow in the sun and in well-drained soil. The Ivory Curl is named after Richard Genville, Duke of Buckingham 1823-1889.