RORAIMA NURSERY

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from

Management and Staff at Roraima Nursery

This is just a small teaser of what is being created out the back. Open sometime in the near future.

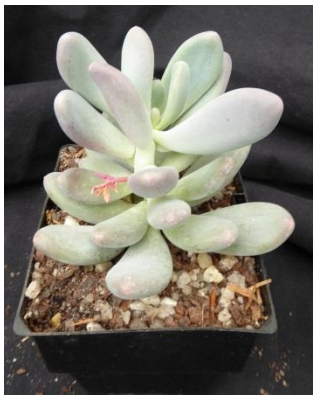
During the holiday period, Roraima Nursery will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. We will be trading as normal from 9am till 5pm on all other days.

RORAIMA PLANT PROFILE

Pacyphytum glutinicule

Such a beautiful plant that is always admired by people 12 months of the year. Native to Mexico, this is a drought tolerant plant that prefers full sun/partial shade and a free draining soil. The greek words pachys means thick stout for the usually thick rounded leaves and phyton means plant. There are only about 20 species from rocky areas in Mexico. Some species have leaves covered with a powdery coating called farina which conserves moisture and protects them from intense sun. Pacyphytums can be slow growing Scale like petal appendages are a characteristic of Pachyphytum flowers. You have to cut a flower to find them inside at the base of the petals. Sometimes the appendages are passed on to the hybrids sometimes not. Pachyphytums are related to Echeverias but they tend to be more heat and cold tolerant, frost hardy if kept dry.

Pictured above is a Pachyphytum glutincaule that is approximately 8 years old and is looking beautiful. It began as a small plant like the ones for sale. No special care given. Just fertilsed twice a year and occasional watering. Preferring full sun/part shade and a free draining soil they are available in 10cm pots as pictured to the right for only $7.95 each.



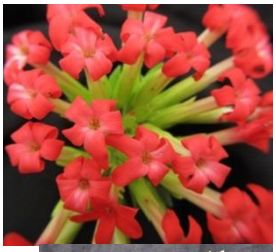
Many thanks to Noelene Tomlinson for her information about this Pachyphytum.

SUMMER SENSATIONS

Brachychiton ‘Clarabelle’

Another spectacular Brachychiton is ‘Clarabelle’ which is a grafted acerifolia x discolor. It can grow 5-6 metres tall and can reach 3-4 metres in width. As pictured to the left is the starry bell shaped bloom of this tree that appears late Spring/early Summer. Preferring full sun/part shade and a free draining soil will allow this tree to reach its capacity. Currently available in 20cm pots for only $50 each as pictured to the right.

Crassula coccinea



Native to South Africa. It is a succulent with flat leaves that overlap each other on the stem and exhibits its tight clusters of long lasting red flowers that generally appear early to mid-Summer. Commonly known as Klipbom or Red Crassula, it prefers full sun/part shade and a free draining soil. An easy plant to grow that will reach up to 60cm height in time. Available in 10cm pots as pictured to the right for only $5.95 each.

Molineria capitulata

Native to North East Queensland/Asia/Malaysia and commonly known as the Weevil Lily/Ribbed Lily, which displays this grouping of bright yellow flowers at the base of the stem as pictured above. Great for shady or morning sun areas. Known to be a great plant for alongside narrow walking paths as it is soft and will not mind occasional disturbance when you brush past. Grows to approximately 1m tall. .Roraima has these available in 20cm pots for only $20 as pictured to the right or 14cm pots for $7.95 each.

Cyrtanthus elatus

Previously known as Vallota speciosa, native to South Africa and commonly known as Scarborough lily/fire lily and George Lily, is this vibrant colored star shaped flower. Prefers full sun/part shade, free draining soil and performs best left undisturbed in the ground. Over time it will multiply and you will have large groups of flowers in Summer. Only water when green growth is present. When it begins to yellow, cease watering. Can reach 50-60cm in height. Also suitable for pots but you will need to repot every couple of years. Available in 14cm pots as pictured to the right for only $9.95.

Cotyledon campanulata

Native to South Africa is this very attractive green succulent that bears bright yellow flowers during Summer. A small growing succulent with red outline that will only reach approximately 15-20cm height but width will increase over time as the plant multiplies. Prefers full sun/part shade and a free draining soil. Available in 15cm pots as pictured to the right for only $9.95.

Words/terms for this season

Appendage – a projecting part of an invertebrate or other living organism, with a distinct appearance or function.

Hybrid – of mixed character, composed of different elements, hence a combination of plants making a slightly different plant in flower and/or foliage form.

SUMMER JOBS

Keep mulch around plants to not only make removing weeds easier, but to assist with retaining moisture in the ground over the hot months.

Try and water early morning or late evening to allow to ensure the soil remains moist for longer and the plants don't get burns from wetting foliage during the hot part of the day.

We are now on Instagram. Lots of images for you to peruse through. Join us. Please understand we are using Instagram to show you images and not answer questions. Questions will be answered via email or facebook.

Don't forget to have a look at us on Facebook. Keep your eyes open for new plants and **special offers**. Keep posted about our Coffee Van that is currently being renovated in order to offer you Coffee/Tea/Drinks and Cakes/Slices etc. Keep watching.

We hope you enjoy your Summer gardening and should you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us at Roraima Nursery. Be it in person, online or by phone, we will do our very best to look after you and your gardening needs.

Happy gardening,
From all at Roraima Nursery