

# *Grevillea hilliana*

White Yiel Yiel, Grey Oak,  
Hill's Silky Oak

*Grevillea hilliana*, White Yiel Yiel, Grey Oak or Hill's Silky Oak, is yet another *Grevillea* from Australian rainforests. Like *Grevillea baileyana*, it is a tree, with extremely large, lobed juvenile leaves characteristically silvery white on the undersurface. In Queensland it is relatively common and grows in subtropical rainforest frequently associated with igneous soils. In the far north, it is more likely to be found in seasonally dry rainforest, often associated with *Agathis robusta*, the Kauri Pine. It can be found as far north as Mount Molloy on the Atherton Tablelands north-west of Cairns and extends south to the north-eastern corner of NSW.

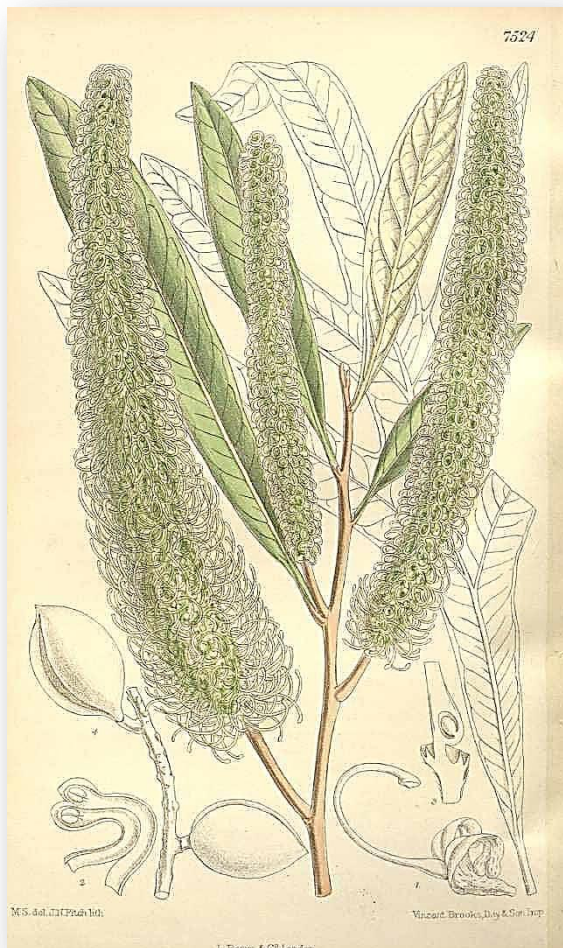


However, *G. hilliana* is quite rare in NSW, and occurs in just a few small areas of remnant rainforest in the vicinity of Brunswick Heads, Tweed Heads and Byron Bay and it is considered to be at risk of extinction. It has been listed as an *Endangered Species* by the NSW Scientific Committee in accordance with the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*.

Since the 1970s there has been resurgence in popularity of Australian Native Plants. However, give this some thought! In 1791, three *Grevillea* species, *G. buxifolia*, *G. linearifolia* and *G. sericea* (all grow in the bushland area of campus on the northern side of the M2) were established as garden plants in England!! And *Grevillea hilliana* was first cultivated in England in 1862<sup>1</sup>!







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