

Peppy Plants December 2012

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At present the bright yellow flowers on the shrubs of *Hibbertia cuneiformis*, commonly Cutleaf Hibbertia, are obvious (see also [Hibbertia cuneiformis](#)). The genus *Hibbertia* commemorates George Hibbert (1757-1837) a nurseryman in London; *cuneiformis* is derived from the Latin *cuneus* meaning wedge and *forma* meaning *shape* - in reference to the wedge shaped leaves. *Hibbertia cuneiformis* is an erect shrub that grows to over 2m in height. The leaves are up to 5cm long and 2cm wide and tapered at the base into a stem claspng stalk. Typically the leaf margins are toothed near the pointed tip but occasionally have no teeth. The yellow flowers are solitary, without a stalk and can be up to 5cm across. The petals are bright yellow and free from each other and with a slight apical notch. In the centre of the flower there are up to 25 stamens which are fused together into 5 bundles of 2 – 4 stamens. The ovary has 5 green, hairless carpels.



Hibbertia cuneiformis shrub. Shrubs can be seen in flower from winter to early summer.



The 5 petals are bright yellow. In the centre can be seen the orange coloured stamens and if you look closely 1 or 2 of the 5 green styles can also be seen.



The wedge-shaped leaves are toothed towards the apex.



The fruit consists of the enlarged carpels and in this photograph 4 of the 5 carpels have developed and shed their seeds.