

RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN
1500 North College Avenue
Claremont, California, U S A

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Mr. Grote Reber
Tasmanian Regional Laboratory
"Stowell," Stowell Avenue
Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Dear Mr. Reber:

I have just checked our few plants of Brodiaea volubilis, and I find that they are just beginning to show growth above ground. Examination disclosed the bulbs are so deep now--after several years in this one location--that it is impossible to get at the offshoots without disturbing all the bulbs. This I cannot do as you will readily understand.

Brodiaea volubilis grows naturally below 2500 feet altitude in rocky clay soil which becomes entirely dry after the last rains which may be March or May. It grows around open brush and other loose growth so that it may use the surrounding growth for support. The flowering stem may become separated from the bulb sometime before setting seed; the remaining flowers and strength for the seed comes from the food deposited in the stem.

We shall try to secure bulbs, but they are 150 to 500 miles away, and at present I know of no one collecting the material. We have not been too successful in our cultivation of the species and it does not readily or at least quickly produce any quantity of offshoots.

We are interested in your studies and do desire to be of service, but we are unable to quickly fill your wants.

Sincerely,

Percy C. Everett

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Superintendent