

FLOWER



'KATHRYN'—A BRIGHT YELLOW SUNBURST PROTEA

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Fig. 1. 'Kathryn', a bright yellow sunburst protea.



Fig. 2. 'Kathryn' plant in bloom.

'Kathryn' is a bright yellow sunburst hybrid with golden ribbons and dark yellow styles. It was named in honor of Mrs. Jack Schumacher of Gaithersburg, Maryland, in recognition of the Schumacher family's continuing support of protea research in Hawaii.

Origin

'Kathryn' was a selected seedling from a cross using *L. lineare* × *L. cordifolium* (Hybrid No. 3) as the female parent and pollen from *L. conocarpodendron* as the male parent. Hybrid No. 3 was used to incorporate flower size, long stems, and good seed set, while *L. conocarpodendron* was used for its bright yellow flowers. 'Kathryn' was selected in 1984 at the Kula experimental farm and designated Hybrid No. 20.

Description

'Kathryn' produces bright yellow flowers with radiant golden ribbons and dark styles. Flowers are large, ranging from 10.1 to 11.0 cm in diameter. Peak production is in March.

It has broad, dark green leaves averaging 2.0 cm wide and 7.4 cm long. Stem length averages 40 cm.

Plants are vigorous, thrifty, and highly productive, and they have some tolerance to botrytis blight.

Availability

Cuttings are available in limited quantities from protea nurseries in Hawaii and from the Protea Association of Hawaii, P.O. Box 425, Kula, HI 96790.