

Provenance for *Hydnophytum formicarum* from Papua New Guinea:

This material can be traced back to an accession at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, their # ABG 2001-0053. The ABG got the material from Tropiflora Nursery in Florida who had indicated that the material came from Papua New Guinea.

I collected seed, with permission, off of the plant photographed here at the ABG. This specimen had typical *Hydnophytum formicarum* stems, leaves and fruits but the globose caudex had a smooth and shiny surface unlike the roughened, dull-colored surface of most *H. formicarum*s.

Photo of the caudex of ABG 2001-0053 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden growing in a 6 inch pot:



Seedlings that I have started have all had a flat, disk shaped caudex with minimal or no ridges on the caudex. The glossy caudex surface is slow to develop.

Here is a photo of the plant I will be sending you. The seed was sown March 22, 2017. It is growing in a 2-1/2 inch pot.

