

*Phyllanthus calycinus*

## FALSE BORONIA

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**Flowering period:** June–November.**Description:** Low, much branched small shrub to 1 m high. Leaves 5–20 mm long, 2–5 mm wide, often with a stressed appearance during summer drought. Flowers either female, solitary and pendulous, or if male, in clusters of 2–3. Seeds brown and smooth in a slightly flattened capsule.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects.**Distribution:** Widespread and common in the south-west from primary to secondary dune heathland vegetation in coastal areas from Kalbarri to Israelite Bay and extending inland.**Propagation:** From seeds sown directly into pots. Cover seeds to their diameter in soil and keep moist. Seedlings appear sporadically over an extended period of months.**Uses in restoration:** A plant of protected swale or closed heathland vegetation often in full sun to partial shade. Provide protection in exposed situations. Plants enter partial dormancy during summer drought resulting in partial leaf-drop; however, new shoots appear from the stems and the plants rapidly re-green following opening winter rains.**Notes:** A useful, low-growing species for the home garden producing an abundance of flowers under well-watered conditions and requiring little pruning to maintain shape.

Habit



Flowers



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