

## *Pimelea ferruginea*

### COAST BANJINE

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**Flowering period:** September–November.

**Description:** Erect, many branched, dense shrub often dome-shaped to 80 cm in coastal areas. Leaves distinctively arranged in four vertical files with alternate pairs at 90 degrees to the former, glossy on the upper surface and 6–11 mm long, 3–4.5 mm wide. Flowers in dense terminal heads up to 3 cm across subtended by four prominent leaf-like bracts. In good seasons the plants are almost completely covered in flowers.

**Pollination:** Pollinated by nectar-feeding insects with a proboscis capable of reaching to the base of the 7 mm floral tube.

**Distribution:** A coastal species from Dongara to east of Esperance often in stable secondary dune heathland vegetation. Forms rounded, neat shrubs in low heath in limestone soils.

**Propagation:** From cuttings taken at the onset of active growth. Requires bottom heat and careful management in the transplant stage as plants are sensitive to root damage.

**Uses in restoration:** A highly attractive species for protected, full sun locations in swales or in the lee of dunes usually associated with similarly sized shrubs such as *Melaleuca systena* and *Phyllanthus calycinus*.

**Notes:** A well-known and outstanding horticultural subject in home gardens available in a number of colour forms including dark pink. Only tip prune for shape and maintain in full sun. Tolerant of a wide variety of soil conditions.



Habit



Flowers



Flowers (dark pink form)



Distribution