

Samolus repens
var. pauciflorus

COMMON BROOKWEED

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Flowering period: September–December, although can flower for much of the year subject to available soil moisture.

Description: Erect perennial herb to 30 cm high. Stems simple or branched leafy; basal leaves oblong, 20–40 mm long, 3–12 mm wide and thick, more so when exposed to salt spray. Flowers 4–7 mm across, in a short raceme at the end of the erect stems.

Pollination: Open pollinated by a variety of insects.

Distribution: Grows near water usually on limestone often close to the water's edge with the plant being highly tolerant of salt. Occurs in limestone outcrop areas at Trigg and further north as well as Rottneest and Garden islands. A highly variable species and restoration should aim to propagate only from locally sourced wild plants.

Propagation: Cuttings taken at any time of the year when the plant is in active growth.

Uses in restoration: Most useful in restoration of highly exposed rocky slopes particularly where salt spray prohibits other species from being grown. Grow only with other low growing species as creeping brookweed can be overgrown by more vigorous plants.

Notes: Unknown in horticulture outside of its limited use in restoration programs.



Habit



Flowers



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