

Scaevola canescens

GREY SCAEVOLA

Benth.

Flowering period: June–November.**Description:** Prostrate to low spreading, grey-green shrub to 45 cm high. Leaves felt-like, 25–52 mm long, 3–10 mm wide, grey-green with slightly inrolled margins. Flowers in dense spikes or clusters, 7–10 mm long in axils of the leaves. Seeds in a cylindrical fruit, 2.5 mm wide, 1.5 mm long. The grey-green, felt-like leaves distinguish this species from other coastal scaevolae.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects.**Distribution:** From Kalbarri to the south coast. Along the Perth coast common and found in stabilised secondary dunes and limestone often in low heathland vegetation where the species grows in full sun.**Propagation:** From cuttings taken at the commencement of the growing season in late autumn to early winter.**Uses in restoration:** In areas protected from direct exposure and usually used to enrich biodiversity values in secondary or stabilised dune restoration. Cannot tolerate excessive burial under sand.**Notes:** Useful and attractive grey foliage plant for the home garden for full sun positions. Tolerates water stress and useful for water-wise plantings.

Habit



Flowers



Flowering branch



Distribution