

Scaevola nitida

SHINING FANFLOWER

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Flowering period: August–December.

Description: Erect shrub to 3 m, often growing in thicket-like arrangements particularly following fire. Leaves lance-shaped, 35–95 mm long, 15–40 mm wide with an acute tip (rather than rounded tip as in the related *S. crassifolia*). Flowers in terminal spikes or clusters, distinctly deep sky blue and up to 20 mm across. Seed in a fleshy, flattened globular fruit, 3–4 mm wide, 2–25 mm long.

Pollination: Open pollinated by a wide variety of insects.

Distribution: From Jurien Bay to Albany in coastal areas and in the Perth region in secondary stable dunes often some distance from the waterline. Often found growing as a fire opportunist where large number of seedlings emerge after fire, form thickets and then gradually thin and die out over time.

Propagation: From cuttings taken at any time of the year. Can be struck directly into pots ready for transplanting. Grow in full sun.

Uses in restoration: The ecological replacement species for *Scaevola crassifolia* in stabilised secondary dunes. The species can tolerate wind exposure; however, will remain a low shrub under these conditions.

Notes: An excellent plant for the home with the leaves free of the stickiness of *Scaevola crassifolia*. Grow in full sun and prune for shape.



Habit



Leaves



Flowers



Distribution