

Scaevola thesioides

FANFLOWER

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Flowering period: September–December.**Description:** Erect perennial herb or small shrub, 0.15–1 m high. Leaves linear, 20–75 mm long, 1.5–4 mm wide, thick and without hairs. Flowers 8–10 mm across and in a terminal spike. Seed in a slightly compressed fruit, 1.5–2 mm wide, 2–2.5 mm long comprising two seed compartments.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a wide variety of insects.**Distribution:** From Kalbarri to Yalgorup National Park. In Perth coastal areas favours limestone or stabilised secondary dunes often mixed with low heathland species and protected from high wind or salt spray situations.**Propagation:** From cuttings taken in early winter when new growth has commenced.**Uses in restoration:** Not often seen in restoration programs; however, a desirable species for improving biodiversity values and ecological function in dune restoration programs. Requires protection in highly exposed situations.**Notes:** A species with merit for the home garden that requires full sun conditions and pruning to maintain shape and form.

Habit



Seedling



Flowers



Distribution