

****Arctotheca populifolia***

(P.J.Bergius) Norl.

DUNE ARCTOTHECA**Flowering period:** June–January.**Description:** Prostrate perennial herb to 30 cm high. Leaves to 8–10 cm wide, thick and fleshy with a dense covering of white, filamentous, silky hairs arising from a stocky stem with leaves formed into a rosette. Flowers globular on 12 cm tall stems.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects.**Distribution:** From Geraldton to Esperance. A pioneer species of the strand and foredunes capable of dune building. Weed species from southern Africa.**Uses in restoration:** Once used extensively in dune stabilisation programs in Western Australia. Its use is now discouraged in restoration programs as it has a high tendency to become weedy. *Spinifex* species are the ideal substitute species to replace *A. populifolia* in dune restoration.**Control:** May be controlled with herbicide applications; however, care should be exercised to ensure that *Spinifex* or similar ground-stabilising native species are immediately planted to prevent wind erosion of the dune sands.**Notes:** Hand removal difficult due to the capacity of the species to root at the nodes and resprout.

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