

Atriplex cinerea

GREY SALTBUUSH

Poir.

Flowering period: June–October.

Description: Silver-leaved, low-growing shrub to 1 m high, leaves alternate, somewhat fleshy, silver-grey with a scaly sheen, 2–4 cm long, 0.3–1.2 cm wide. Flowers indistinct in dense clusters arranged in spikes with fruits produced within distinctive, winged fruiting bracts roughly diamond-shaped, 6–10 mm long and a smooth appearance.

Pollination: Wind pollinated.

Distribution: Widespread and locally common in coastal dunes from Geraldton to the Bight; and also in SA, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.

Propagation: Effectively propagated from cuttings taken throughout the year. Cuttings root within four weeks and grow rapidly. Can be rooted directly into pots for transfer to restoration sites. Because of their rapid growth, take care to ensure plants do not become root-bound.

Uses in restoration: A useful species in coastal restoration programs capable of adapting to a wide variety of primary to secondary dune sites. Best suited to mixed plantings with some protection from high wind sites.

Notes: Similar in appearance to coast saltbush; however, grey saltbush is smaller both in height and leaf size, and with female flowers in clusters in the axils of the leaves.



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Habit



Flowers



Leaves



Distribution