

*Hakea trifurcata*

(Smith) R.Br.

## THREE LEAVED HAKEA

**Flowering period:** July–October.

**Description:** Tall, somewhat tangled shrub often spreading, to 3 m high, with young shoots silky hairy. Often forms dense stands in some areas. Stems whitish, smooth with leaves of two kinds: rounded leaves divided into two- or three-pointed lobes; flat leaves (that may be absent entirely) on a 2.10 mm long stalk with the blade 3–5 cm long and 1–1.8 cm wide, linear to spatulate. Flowers in clusters of three to eight flowers often with a pungent unpleasant odour on warm still days. The seed pod is pale green (resembles the broad flat leaf in form) to brown, curved 2–2.5 cm long comprising two black seeds that are prominently winged.

**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects.

**Distribution:** From Geraldton to east of Esperance and from coastal to inland areas

**Propagation:** Propagated from seed or cuttings.

**Uses in restoration:** Usually on limestone areas near the coast, or secondary sand dunes. One of the few members of the usually lime

**Notes:** A common and widespread species in many near-coastal and inland areas with the distinctive characteristic of producing broad flat leaves that are thought to act as decoys for seed-predating cockatoos.



Habit



Flowers



Branches



Distribution