

## *Pithocarpa cordata*

(DC.) Anderb.

TANGLE DAISY

**Flowering period:** October–April.

**Description:** Erect, scrambling or sprawling, perennial sub-shrub to 1.2 m in coastal situations, often with an untidy habit and growing in and among other shrubs. Plant partially dies back to the rootstock each summer, resprouting in response to opening rains. Leaves heart-shaped, 20–70 mm wide, 15–20 mm long, upper surface green, lower surface white, covered in a soft felt. Flower heads white, held well above the foliage on open, divaricating branches. Flowers open briefly with the inflorescence persistent for many months after flowering has ceased.

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

**Distribution:** Widespread in secondary dunes and often scattered through coastal heathland from Dongara to Albany.

**Propagation:** From cuttings taken at any time of the year. Cuttings grow rapidly so to avoid root-bound plants ensure that cutting propagation is done just in time for planting programs.

**Uses in restoration:** A useful species for increasing the biodiversity values of dune restoration. Plants require protection from high winds and grow well when protected by other shrubs. Will grow up and through surrounding plants such as *Melaleuca systema* and *Lepidosperma gladiatum*.

**Notes:** A highly decorative species for the home garden with its attractive white flower stems, vigorous growth and adaptability to a wide variety of soils. Prune to maintain shape.



Habit



Flowers



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Distribution