



SPECIES	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i> 'Prostrate'
COMMON NAME	Green Carpet
ORIGIN	South Africa
DESIGN USE	Dominant species in a shrub combination, or as a subtle accent plant.



HEIGHT

0.5m

SPREAD

0.6-1m

HABIT

Strong and hardy prostrate ground cover.

FORM

Twiggy, densely-branched, and its stems bear long, stiff, strong. Bifurcated spines.



FLOWERS

White fragrant star-like flowers up to 5cm in diameter.

FLOWERING PERIOD

All-year in warm areas near the coast.

FRUIT

Edible reddish-orange small plum-like fruit.



VARIATIONS

C. grandiflora, reaches 2-4m with thorns in the leaf axils.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Tolerates heat, sun wind and salt exposure.

HORTICULTURE

Prefers full sun and well-drained soil and dry climate. Suited for road landscapes.

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