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SPECIES	Myoporum acuminatum
COMMON NAME	Boobialla, Strichnine bush
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Hedge



HEIGHT

13m

HABIT

A small tree with corky fissured bark. Glabrous shrub or small tree to 13 m high with coarsely fissured bark, branches smooth or rarely obscurely or prominently tuberculate.

FORM

Leaves elliptic, usually 5–14 cm long and 7–28 mm wide, apex very attenuate, margins entire or obscurely toothed, surfaces discolourous, glabrous.

FLOWERS

Flowers 3–8 in axils; pedicels 4–10 mm long. White with purple spots in the from from August - October in clusters of 6 or more.

Bell-shaped flowers are white or pale cream sometimes with spots, growing in clusters on slender stalks

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring/summer

FRUIT

Fruit ovoid, 4.5–7 mm long, 4–5 mm diam., wrinkled, purplish black.

Berries (Bluish Purple)

Berry shaped fruits are dull when ripe

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Frost and drought tolerant.

HORTICULTURE

Sandy Soil, Very Lime Tolerant, Soil Salt Tolerant,

The plant prefers light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils and requires well-drained soil. The plant prefers acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils. It cannot grow in the shade. It requires dry or moist soil.

Propagation by seeds

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