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SPECIES	Myoporum ellipticum
COMMON NAME	Boobialla
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Retarder, Bird Attractor - Insect Eaters, groundcover



HEIGHT

2m

SPREAD

3m

HABIT

Prostrate to erect shrub to 2 m. This very hardy ground cover is also called Boobialla.



FORM

Leaves green-glabrous, elliptic to obovate, 1.2-7 cm long, 5.5-36 mm wide.

FLOWERS

Flowers white occurring spring-summer. Fruit a light purple, ovoid to globose drupe, 5-8 mm diam.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring-autumn



FRUIT

Fruit a light purple, ovoid to globose drupe, 5-8 mm diam.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Best in full sun as the foliage is densest, in part shade it may become sparse. Hardy in a range of soils and climates from tropical to temperate - frost tolerant, tolerant of saline soils and happy in clay. Grows naturally on sand dunes and used extensively to regenerate those areas.

HORTICULTURE

Propagate with freshly collected seed from ripe fruit. Remove flesh from seed and plant immediately in clean seedling mix of 2/3 washed river sand and 1/3 peat moss or organic matter. Plants can be propagated from tip and semi-ripe hardwood cuttings.

The plant prefers light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils. The plant prefers acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils. It can grow in semi-shade (light woodland) or no shade. It requires moist soil.



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