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SPECIES	<i>Scaevola sericea</i>
COMMON NAME	Sea Lettuce
ORIGIN	East Africa to India, Southeast Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands
DESIGN USE	Beach stabilization



HEIGHT

1.5-4m

SPREAD

2-5m

HABIT

Large, semi-woody shrub, on beaches in the Indo-Pacific region.

FORM

Mound-forming shrub

FLOWERS

White 'half-flowers,' petals on one side only in leaf axils.

FLOWERING PERIOD

All year in the tropics

FRUIT

White, fleshy to 1cm diam.

VARIATIONS

Scaevola plumieri from the Caribbean is virtually identical.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

A tropical strand species tolerating full exposure to sun, salt and wind, with some drought tolerance.

HORTICULTURE

Requires well-drained soil. Part shade is acceptable with some loss of bushiness. Respond to pruning as an informal hedge, but coarse leaf texture does not suit formal clipping.

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