

SMALL SHRUBS

Goodenia ovata (Goodeniaceae)

Hop Goodenia

Size: Usually low shrub but can grow to 2m. There is also a prostrate form from the Portland area.

Flowering: Anytime but especially Spring-Summer.

Habitat: Common and widespread, chiefly in moister forest understory, but also other sites including coastal cliffs, and drier inland forest.

Description: Glabrous, thin leafed, green weak shrub with sticky young growth and scrambling branches. Leaves alternate, shiny above and slightly paler beneath, size is variable. Flowers bright yellow with five lobes.

Propagation: Easily grown by cuttings but also germinates from fresh seed in 4-6 weeks.



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Lasiopetalum schulzenii (Sterculiaceae)

Drooping Velvet-bush

Conservation Status: r.

Size: Form in SW Victoria is a shrub to 60cm.

Flowering: September-December.

Habitat: On cliff tops, and in dune woodland and heathland in sandy soil derived from limestone.

Description: Low shrub in the south west, leaves are soft ovate to 7cm, flowers are hairy and white. The hairy style distinguishes this form from



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Leucophyta brownii (Asteraceae)
(syn. *Calocephalus brownii*)

Cushion Bush

Size: To 1m.

Flowering: December-February.

Habitat: Common on exposed faces of cliffs and dunes along Victorian coastline.

Description: Low, rounded cushion-like grey-white shrub. Flowers packed in white to yellow globular heads about 1cm across. A very hardy shrub for frontline coastal exposure.

Propagation: Good germination from fresh seed. Also grown by cutting.



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Pimelea glauca (Thymelaeaceae)

Smooth Rice-flower

Size: 30-60cm high.

Flowering: July-February.

Habitat: Plains grassland and primary dune scrub.

Description: Erect, many branched glabrous shrub with narrowly ovate, pointed, bluish green leaves to 20mm long. Masses of terminal hemispherical flower heads with creamy white flowers make for an excellent garden plant in sheltered well-drained soils.

Propagation: By cuttings.



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Pimelea humilis (Thymelaeaceae)

Common Rice-flower

Size: 10cm-50cm high.

Flowering: September-January.

Habitat: Red-gum woodland, grassy low-open forest and dry sclerophyll forest.

Description: Erect or straggling shrub with green or grey/green elliptic leaves and bracts surrounding the dense creamy-white flower heads that are larger than the leaves. Requires moist, well-drained soils.

Propagation: By cuttings.



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Pimelea serpyllifolia (Thymelaeaceae)

Thyme Rice-flower

Size: Usually to 1m.

Flowering: Most months of year.

Habitat: In calcareous soils in scrubland and woodland, usually near the coast.

Description: Low shrub but sometimes almost prostrate, leaves 2-7mm long. Inflorescence a compact head of 4-12 flowers with leaf-like bracts, usually yellow or greenish, sometimes white.

Propagation: Difficult by seed, treatment with smoke may be successful. Slow by cuttings.



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Pultenaea canaliculata (Fabaceae)

Coast Bush-pea

Conservation Status: r.

Size: 1-2m.

Flowering: September- October.

Habitat: Scattered and uncommon on coastal dunes and limestone cliffs.

Description: Rigid spreading shrub, stems terete, densely silky haired, leaves alternate, and also densely hairy and terete. Terminal clusters of 2-4 flowers often partially hidden among dense leaves. A rare plant.

Propagation: By seed treated with near boiling water for 30 seconds and soaked in cold water for several hours.



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Pultenaea stricta (Fabaceae)

Rigid Bush-pea

Size: 0.3 -1m.

Flowering: October-December.

Habitat: Widely distributed species, usually occurs in moist to wet heathland and around swamps and streams.

Description: Erect shrub with hairy young growth, leaves oblong, elliptic or obovate and dark green. Flowers about 1.2cm, in dense terminal clusters, bright yellow to orange, with central red markings.

Propagation: Heat treat seed with near boiling water for 30 seconds, then soak in cold water for several hours. Also propagated from cuttings, which strike readily.



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Pultenaea tenuifolia (Fabaceae)

Slender Bush-pea

Size: Coastal variants prostrate or procumbent to 20cm high.

Flowering: September-October.

Habitat: Coastal woodlands and primary dune scrub.

Description: Attractive low-growing mat-forming prostrate shrub with hairy, crowded, narrow recurved leaves to 8mm long. Bears single or paired yellow pea flowers with red centres at the ends of stems.

Propagation: Heat treat seed with near boiling water for 30 seconds, then soak in cold water for several hours.



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Rubus parvifolius (Rosaceae) Small-leaf Bramble or Native Raspberry

Size: Trailing shrub to 1m.

Flowering: October-December.

Habitat: Wet, damp sclerophyll forest, riparian scrub and woodland.

Description: Similar to introduced blackberry but not as vigorous. Stems with strong curved prickles. Leaves green, silver on the underside. Flowers are small and pinkish white in colour. Edible fruit produced in December to April are pink or red in colour.

Propagation: Remove flesh from fruit and sow fresh. Also can be grown by semi-hardwood and root cuttings.



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Tetratheca ciliata (Tremandraceae)

Common Pink-bells

Size: Usually small shrub, up to 1m.

Flowering: September-November.

Habitat: Found in a wide variety of habitats and is often locally common.

Description: Small heath-like shrub, leaves alternate, opposite or in whorls and variable. Flowers deep lilac-pink and rarely white.

Propagation: Usually grown by cuttings, but the use of soil and humus collected from under parent plants is said to aid seed germination. Sow in autumn or spring.

