



Basket Bush

Name	Scientific	<i>Spyridium globulosum</i>
	Common	Basket Bush
Description	A large shrub 4 or 5 metres tall in more protected sites inland from the coast. Closer to the coast, it is a smaller shrub to 2 metres.	
Leaves	Glossy green above and pale, almost white, below caused by tiny hairs which cover the lower surface.	
Flowers	Tiny, white flowers are produced in clusters at the ends of the stems. The flowers are produced during the winter months (June, July and August) and are strongly scented.	
Did you know?	Fire kills these plants, but they regenerate quickly by seedlings.	
Animals which may use this plant.		
Invertebrates	The Geometer moth larvae eat the leaves in spring. The strongly scented flowers attract a range of flies, including hoverflies.	



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