

## Honeypot Dryandra *Banksia nivea*



### NATIVE PLANT NOTES

#### Description

Couch Honeypot is a compact shrub that grows to about 1 m by 1 m. It has attractive, fern-like foliage.

#### Flowers

This species flowers over a long period of time, often bearing a few flowers throughout much of the year. Its main flowering time is during spring with flower colours including cream, yellow, orange, pink, red and brown. Generally the Couch Honeypot flower heads are up to 40 mm in diameter.

#### Growing conditions

Plants grow well in semi-shade, but will tolerate full sun. Suitable soil types range from sand through to gravelly well-drained soils. Like most native species, it is best planted in early autumn/winter.

#### Watering

Once established, this plant should not need watering but watering once a week at its base will improve flowering. Open mulch will help to conserve moisture.

#### Pruning

Little to no pruning is required for this species; however some early formative pruning will encourage compact growth.

#### Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at planting and annually as required in spring.

#### Pests and diseases

Couch Honeypot can be susceptible to scale and dieback (the soil-borne fungus *Phytophthora cinnamomi*).

#### Miscellaneous

The leaves of this species are quite distinctive, creating visual contrast and impact within a mixed planting. Couch Honeypot may be planted singly or en masse. Plants may need to be replaced every 5 to 10 years if the growing vigour decreases.



#### Further Information

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