

## Aniseed Boronia *Boronia crenulata*



### Description

*Boronia crenulata* is a dense, small shrub growing up to 1 m high. It is an ornamental species that is suitable for growing in the garden or in a medium-sized pot. It produces masses of pink flowers.

### Flowers

Short thick stalks bear pink star-shaped flowers about 15 mm wide from May to December or January–February.

### Growing conditions

*Boronia crenulata* will grow in a range of soils in dappled shade to part-sun. It needs well-drained soil with plenty of humus that does not dry out readily. Choose a sheltered site to protect the plant from hot afternoon sun in summer.

### Watering

Water *Boronia crenulata* in well at time of planting and monitor its water needs ensuring it neither dries out nor becomes water-logged. To help the plant stay moist, mulch the area well. Additional moisture may be required when the plant is coming into bud and bloom, particularly if dry weather prevails through late winter.

### Pruning

Prune lightly after flowering to encourage new growth.

### Fertiliser

Apply a slow-release native plant fertiliser at the time of planting then annually after pruning.

### Pests and diseases

This species is rarely susceptible to pests or diseases but scale and mealy-bug may cause minor issues.

### Miscellaneous information

The common name of Aniseed Boronia comes from the leaves which have high oil content and when crushed smell like aniseed.



### Further Information

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