

Pincushion Hakea

Hakea laurina



Description

The seeds of many hakeas provide food for black cockatoos—*Hakea laurina* is one such. It is a small, dense ornamental tree that grows to 6 m and that can live for many years.

Flowers

The spectacular red and cream flowers are globular to about 5 cm across, resembling a pin cushion and hence its common name. They appear from late autumn through the winter months.

Growing conditions

The Pincushion Hakea thrives in full sun in a range of soils that drain well and are non-alkaline. It is best planted in the autumn and winter months.

Watering

Once established it is very hardy and should need no supplementary watering.

Pruning

Pruning can be undertaken to encourage growth to the shape required.

Fertiliser

Apply a slow-release native plant fertiliser at time of planting and annually as required in the spring months.

Pests and diseases

There are no known pests or diseases.

Miscellaneous information

Pincushion Hakea can be grown as an individual specimen. It is also useful as a small screen plant. It is advisable to plant it where there is some protection from the prevailing winds.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners. Phone: 9480 3672 or Email: garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au.

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