

Cushion Bush *Leucophyta brownii*



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

This *Leucophyta* comes in a range of shapes and forms from the upright Canal Rocks form (1 m) to the dense small cushion bush (0.15 m). Its unique almost white foliage and stems provide contrast in a garden. It may be planted en masse, as a border, or as an accent plant to achieve varying degrees of grey foliage within your garden design.

Flowers

The somewhat inconspicuous flowers appear in summer, but the plant is grown for its foliage rather than its flowers.

Growing conditions

Cushion Bush grows well under coastal conditions but can be grown elsewhere providing the soil is free-draining. For best results plant in full sun in autumn or winter. Some forms grow well in containers and will trail over the edge of a pot or wall.

Watering

Once established this plant shouldn't require watering, but to ensure survival water once a week at its base during hotter weather. Open mulch will help to conserve moisture.

Pruning

Generally the natural habit of this plant is compact and it can be encouraged to be more compact by regular light pruning.

Fertiliser

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

Pests and diseases

Sometimes scale and mealybugs can cause minor issues.

Miscellaneous

This species is a rapid grower and in a garden environment it is often short-lived and requires replacement every two to three years to maintain shape and vigour.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.
Phone: (08) 9480 3672 or Email: garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au.

Pest and Diseases Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Food.
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