



# *Billardiera cymosa*

## Sweet Apple Berry



(Seeds of South Australia)



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**Form:** *Medium shrub*    **Height:** *1 – 2 m*    **Spread:** *1 – 4 m*    **Flowers:** *Mauve*    **Type:** *Tubular*    **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** *sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

**Germination rate:** *4 to 8 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** mature fruits are maroon colour and are soft. Pick then rub firmly to break up seeds that are held firmly within the capsule.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Winter to early spring. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** a non-aggressive climber for parks and reserves, useful over fences or embankments amongst native vegetation. Low allergen and decorative flowers. Indigenous peoples ate the fruit raw or sun-dried like sultanas.

**Notes:** becomes shrubby if planted in open situations.