



Myoporum parvifolium

Creeping Boobialla (Purple leaf form)



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Adult
female (top)
and male
(bottom)
Golden-
rayed Blue

Form: *Groundcover* **Height:** 0.2 m

Spread: 1.5 – 2 m **Flowers:** Pink

Type: Star

Flowering time: Spring, Autumn

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: 4 to 12 weeks

Seed collecting: wearing gloves, run hands through branches containing mature ripe fruits, and dislodge them into a container or bucket. Place contents in dry sunny position to dry fully.

Seed treatment: place seed into a container and pour on water that has just been boiled. Soak overnight. Remove and sow immediately.

Sowing requirements: sow seeds into a sandy loam compost propagating mix. Sow to 2 – 3 mm deep. Cover surface with a fine gravel up to 4 mm thick. Keep moist. Sow in late Summer to Autumn. Requires well-drained soils. Provide shade on hot days.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: extremely hardy, weed-suppressing ground cover for embankments, verges, streetscapes and high traffic areas. Acts as a living mulch and weed suppressor. Attracts birds and butterflies. Food host to Golden-rayed Blue (*Candalides noelkeri*) caterpillars.

Note: fire retardant as per SA Country Fire Service. Erosion control.