



Adriana quadripartita

Coastal Bitter Bush



(Adriana quadripartita, Seeds of South Australia)



(Leitch, T, BowerBird)



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(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: Medium shrub

Height: 1 – 2 m

Spread: 1 – 3 m

Flowers: Red **Type:** Spikes

Flowering time: Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:



Soils: sand; alkaline or neutral

Germination rate: 4 to 6 weeks

Seed collecting: collect ripe fruits when they become dull in colour and seeds are mature, hard. Keep a close eye on maturing fruit as it will open and release the seeds quickly.

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

Sowing requirements: cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Requires well-drained soils. Sow in late Winter-Spring.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: none

Uses: Sand binding plant for coastal reserves and parks. Responds to pruning after flowering to maintain shape and promote bushier growth. Bitter Bush Butterfly (*Theclinesstes albocincta*) caterpillars rely solely on this plant.

Notes: avoid contact with sap, it may cause irritation.