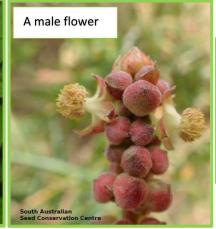


## Adriana quadripartita Coastal Bitter Bush









An adult Bitter Bush Butterfly

(Adriana quadripartitam, Seeds of South Australia)

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Form: Medium shrub

Height: 1-2 m

Spread: 1-3 m

Flowers: Red

Type: Spikes

Flowering time: Spring, Summer

**Germination rate:** 4 to 6 weeks



Soils: sand; alkaline or neutral

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 welldrained 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 (*Theclinesthes albocincta*) caterpillars rely solely on this plant.

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

Sources: Botanical Gardens of South Australia; Seeds of South Australia; TreeProject, Trees For Life Tree Scheme: Grower's Handbook'; Atlas of Living Australia; SA **Butterflies & Moths**