



Bursaria spinosa

Sweet Bursaria



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Mature fruits

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Adult Bright Copper (top) and adult Dull Copper (bottom)



(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Small tree*

Height: *2 – 4 m*

Spread: *1 – 3 m*

Flowers: *White*

Type: *Star*

Flowering time: *Spring, Summer*

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: *4 to 6 weeks*

Seed collecting: the capsules should be drying off and turning brown with orange seeds inside. Do not collect capsules that have split open as the seed has already been released. Shake branches to easily release seed.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Winter.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: an ornamental feature tree, hedge, screen or barrier. Wood used by indigenous peoples for boomerangs. Can be fire retardant. Food to Bright Copper (*Paralucia aurifera*) and Dull Copper (*Paralucia pyrodiscus*) caterpillars.

Notes: written approval needed for planting in any street or drainage area. Do not plant closer than 3.5 m to any sewer main or connection.