

***Scaevola taccada* Sea Lettuce Tree GOODENIACEAE**



**Typical height:** To 4m (>10m)

**Spread:** Often wider than its height

**Climate:** Tropical, subtropical

**Light conditions:** Full sun

**Growth habit:** Usually as a shrub.

**Growing conditions:** Occurs in WA, NT, the Torres Strait islands as well as South East Queensland in littoral rainforest and beaches at an altitude near sea level. Suited to moist, well drained sandy soils.

**Flowers:** Fragrant, Aug-May **Fruit:** Jan-Oct

**Other:** The fruit attracts birds including the Cassowary and Silvereyes. A hardy salt and drought tolerant plant. Useful in combating coastal erosion.

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