

WANTED

Bitou bush (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp.)



Description

Bitou bush is a spreading woody shrub with succulent stems, often prostrate on the ground. It is typically 1-2 m tall and 2-6 m wide. Bitou bush develops a creeping habit under shade and may smother canopies up to 10 m in height.

Its leaves are bright green, succulent, oval in shape with a tapering base and irregular teeth along the edge, 3-8 cm long. Young growth is typically covered by a cottony down.

Mature plants produce lots of bright yellow daisy-like flowers with 11-13 'petals'. Fruits are green, becoming black when ripe and contain only a single seed. The seeds are egg-shaped, 5-7 mm long, fleshy externally with an internal hard bone-like shell which is dark brown to black when dry.

Bitou bush differs from boneseed by its sprawling growth habit (versus the erect habit of boneseed), rounder and less obviously toothed leaves, flowers with more 'petals' (11-13 for bitou bush versus 5-8 for boneseed) and egg-shaped ribbed seeds (versus round, smooth seeds for boneseed).

Goal

To Eradicate from the Shoalhaven.

Whereabouts

Last seen Culburra beach and Sussex Inlet. Found on beach sand dunes and shaded forests.

Website Link [NSW WeedWise](#)

Native Look a-like Fan Flower *Scaevola calandulacea* - Difference spoon shaped leaves.

