

***Acanthocarpus preissii***

**Commonly:** Has no common name

**Vascular Plant Family:** Asparagaceae

Flowers autumn

*Acanthocarpus preissii* is a dense, spreading shrub or woody herb to 50cm tall. It occurs in the coastal heath or in protected swales close to the beach. It is the yellow capsules which are obvious, not the white flowers.



The leaves are grass-like, stiff and arranged in 2 rows with the leaf sheaths overlapping, hiding the stems.



The leaf blades are up to 5cm long, with about 10 obvious, parallel veins running the length

of the leaf. The apex is sharply pointed and the margin minutely toothed.



The white flowers occur in terminal clusters. The flowers have 6 petals about 3mm long, which are joined at the base.



The fruit is a yellow capsule, ball-shaped, rough to spiny on the surface, 8mm long. It is 3-celled and 3 seeded.

