

Alyxia buxifolia

Commonly: Dysentery Bush

Vascular Plant Family: Apocynaceae

Flowers late winter to spring

Alyxia buxifolia is a shrub up to 2.5m tall. It occurs at Peppermint Grove Beach close to the coast on the consolidated dunes, but it also grows from Geraldton, through the Goldfields to Esperance.

The leaves are up to 4.5cm long and 2cm wide, opposite or whorled and shiny on the upper surface.



The flowers occur in clusters in the leaf axils. The petals of the flower are united into a tube which is orange or fawn in colour and swollen in the upper third. This is readily seen in the photograph of the buds below. The petal tube is up to 8mm long.



The flowers are white to cream with the free lobes about 4mm long and resembling a whirleygig. There is an obvious darker colored, thickened ring at the top of the corolla tube.



The fruit is up to 8mm long, orange, fleshy and 1-seeded. It often becomes red with age,



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