

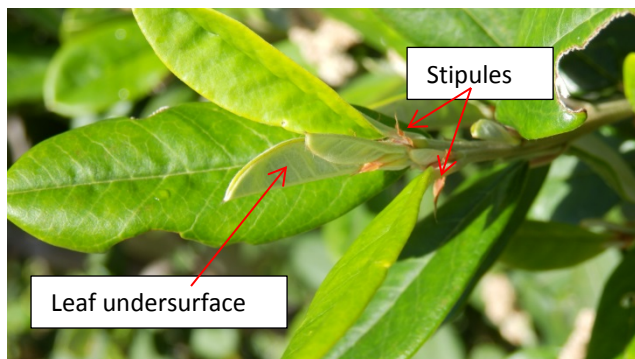
Peppy Plants July 2014

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Spyridium globulosum, commonly known as Basket Bush, is a shrub up to 3m tall and common on the dunes around Peppy Beach (see also [Spyridium globulosum](#)). It occurs around the coast from Geraldton area to Israelite Bay. *Spyridium* is derived from the Greek spyridion meaning a basket, referring to the tiny flower-heads which are surrounded by leafy bracts and *globulosum* is derived from the Latin meaning spherical, again in relation to the flowering heads.. The leaves are egg-shaped up to 7cm long and 3cm wide. The leaves are hairless above but have a dense white felty under surface. A pair of obvious stipules up to 4mm long, occur at the base of the leaves. The inflorescence is dense, consisting of many dirty white flower clusters. The flowers are bisexual, without a stalk. The 5 triangular sepals and 5 small hooded petals arise above the ovary. The 5 hooded petals each hide an anther. The fruit separates into 3 segments on maturity.



This illustrates a Basket Bush in dense flower

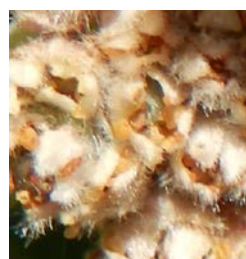
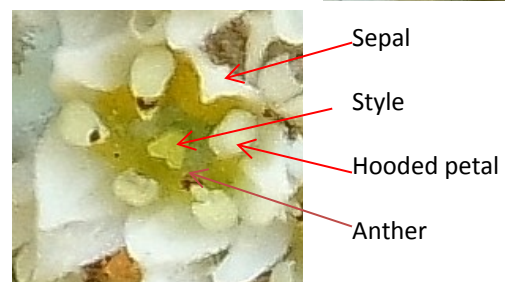


There are 2 stipules at the base of each leaf. They are the brownish small leaf-like structures in this photograph. The underside of the leaf is densely hairy



This is one of the heads illustrating how densely the flowers are packed together.

The flowers are 1mm long, dirty white or cream in colour. There are 5 triangular, hairy sepals, 5 hood-shaped petals each hiding an anther and 5 stamens in a ring-like disc. The ovary is below the flowers.



The fruit is a 3-celled capsule separating into 3 fruitlets.