

Podalyria sericea

COMMON NAMES

Satin bush

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Erect shrub to about 1 m tall, appearing silvery due to abundant silky hairs. Simple obovate leaves very shortly petiolate up to 35 mm long. Pink flowers about 10 mm long, held singly in the axils of upper leaves. The seed pod is up to 35 mm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

This species is distinguished from all of the other leguminous shrubs by the large simple silky leaves and the small solitary axillary flowers and very large, inflated, sausage like pods.

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Especially at coastal sites.

GENUS

Podalyria

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Podalyria sericea R.Br.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

throughout the year.

YEAR NATURALISED

1992

ORIGIN

South Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Can tolerate salt



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LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Reproduces by seed. Dispersed by people and gravity.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/podalyria-sericea/>

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