

# Podalyria sericea

## COMMON NAME

Satin bush

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

Podalyria sericea R.Br.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Especially at coastal sites.

## FEATURES

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.

## FLOWERING

throughout the year.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

1992

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

## Reproduction

Seed

## Dispersal

People, gravity.

## Tolerances

Can tolerate salt

## MORE INFORMATION

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



Seed pods. Nov 2006. Photographer: Peter de Lange



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