



# Adriana quadripartita

## Coastal Bitter Bush



(Adriana quadripartita, Seeds of South Australia)



(Leitch, T, BowerBird)



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(SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** *Medium shrub*

**Height:** *1 – 2 m*

**Spread:** *1 – 3 m*

**Flowers:** *Red*   **Type:** *Spikes*

**Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:** 

**Soils:** *sand; alkaline or neutral*

**Germination rate:** *4 to 6 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** collect ripe fruits when they become dull in colour and seeds are mature, hard. Keep a close eye on maturing fruit as it will open and release the seeds quickly.

**Seed treatment:** place seed into a container and pour on water that has just been boiled. Soak overnight. Remove and sow immediately.

**Sowing requirements:** cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Requires well-drained soils. Sow in late Winter-Spring.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** none

**Uses:** Sand binding plant for coastal reserves and parks. Responds to pruning after flowering to maintain shape and promote bushier growth. Bitter Bush Butterfly (*Theclinesstes albocincta*) caterpillars rely solely on this plant.

**Notes:** avoid contact with sap, it may cause irritation.