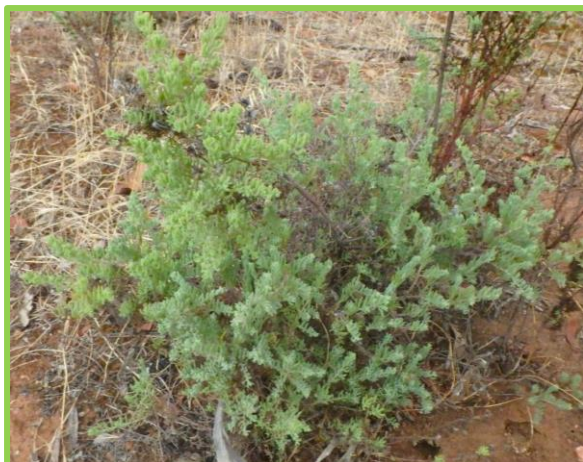




Enchylaena tomentosa

Ruby Saltbush



(Cox, G, iNaturalist Australia)



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)



(Murfet, D, Seeds of South Australia)

Form: *Low shrub* **Height:** *0.3 – 1 m* **Spread:** *0.5 – 1.5 m* **Flowers:** *Insignificant* **Type:** *Insignificant* **Flowering time:** *All year round*

Ecological functions: 

Soils: *sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *2 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: collect fruits that have started to dry and turn pale. Fruits can be collected directly from the bush or from the ground underneath.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring to Summer. Requires well-drained soil.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: for areas of neglect, mainly tolerant of coastal areas and calcareous soils. Produces yellow and dark red fruits which are eaten by native birds, lizards and small native mammals. Berries eaten raw by indigenous peoples, and used as body paint by children.

Notes: responds to pruning.