

# *Kunzea pomifera*

## Muntries



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**Form:** Creeper    **Height:** 0.1 – 0.3 m    **Spread:** 2 – 5 m    **Flowers:** White    **Type:** Clusters    **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:**   

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

**Germination rate:** 3 to 6 weeks

**Seed collecting:** collect drying berries and place on material to further dry out. As fruit shrinks seeds fall out from base. Pass through fine screens to clean.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring to Summer.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** for exposed coastal locations. Self layers and is excellent for embankments and sand stabilisation. Fragrant flowers attract nectar-eating birds and insects. Edible fruits were used as an indigenous food source. Now being produced as a bush food known as 'Muntries'.

**Notes:** responds well to pruning.