

HEADLANDS AND BEACHES

Sand spurge *Chamaesyce psammogeton*

Key features:

Oblong-shaped leaves, growing opposite on the stem. Grows flat over rocks or even sand.

What is it? Perennial prostrate herb forming mats to 1 m across, often from a woody rootstock.



Leaves: Oblong-shaped or slightly tapering toward the end, 10-30 mm long, 5-15 mm wide.

Flowers: Small white flowers 1-1.5mm long.

Fruit: Smooth pale brown capsules, 2mm long, diameter 2.5mm.

How rare? Listed as *Endangered* on the TSC Act.

Where is it? Foredunes and exposed sites on headlands. Often grows with Spinifex (*Spinifex sericeus*) and Prickly Couch (*Zoysia macrantha*). Known from Oceanview Headland North in **CCRP**, the northern side of Look-at-me-now Headland in **MBNR** and along Bonville Beach in **BBNP**.

FRONTAL SAND DUNES

Silver bush *Sophora tomentosa*

Key features: Rounded leaflets, fairly thick. Large yellow flowers and unusual long bean-type pods.

What is it? Shrub, in pea family growing to 5m high.

Leaves: 10–20 cm long, with 11–17 leaflets. Leaflets rounded, 20–40 mm long, 10–30 mm wide.

Flowers: Unbranched, 10–15 cm long; pedicels 5–7 mm long. Yellow petals 20–25 mm long, green sheaths 6 mm long.

Fruit: Pod, 10–18 cm long, up to 14 mm diameter, packed tightly around large seeds.

How rare? Listed as *Endangered* on the TSC Act.

Where is it? Recent sands on frontal coastal dunes. Known from Cabins north & south, Safety Beach, Woolgoolga Headland, Sapphire SEPP, Reicks and Hills Beaches in **CCRP**.

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