

Sea myrtle

AKA saltbush, Eastern baccharis

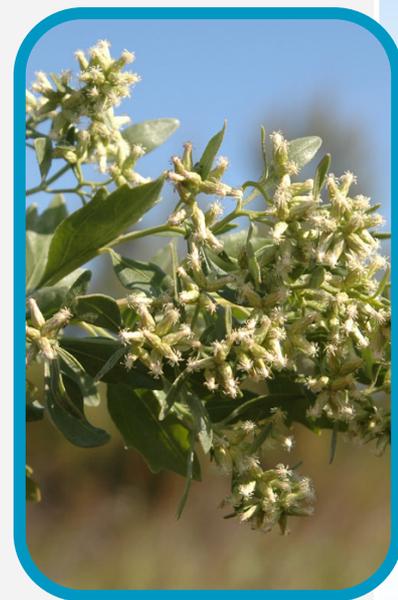


Key Facts

- Dioecious: male and female reproductive structures are on separate plants.
- Dense clusters of flowers in Autumn
- Produces lots of seeds, easily spread by wind, water, people and animals.

Invasive shrub, up to 4 m in height. Leaves are simple and egg-shaped, with sticky glands on each side.

Male plants are smaller with yellow flowers, whilst female plants produce white flowers. Native to North America, it was brought to Europe as an ornamental species.



Habitat

Grows well in poor, salty soil and tolerates dry or moist conditions.

Impacts

Pushes out native species and alters coastal habitats by forming dense, impenetrable thickets of vegetation.

REPORT IT - STOP THE SPREAD

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Don't confuse it with...

Strawberry-tree (*Arbutus unedo*)

- Evergreen tree or shrub
- Small bell-shaped white flowers
- Red strawberry-like fruits in Autumn