

## BRIDAL VEIL CREEPER

*Myrsiphyllum asparagoides*CLIMBERS AND  
GROUND COVERS

Family Asparagaceae

Origin South Africa

**Description** A climbing herb with stems up to 3m long. Tends to invade hind-dunes, bushland and rainforest<sup>2</sup>.

**Stems/Leaves** Stems grow up to 3 m long and are slender, wiry, twining and slightly woody at the base when mature. The plant is much branched with the direction of the stem changing slightly at each branch. The cladodes (leaf-like modified stems) are glossy light green, alternate, stalkless, broad at the base and narrowing to a pointed tip. The true leaves are small, scale like, located at the base of the cladodes<sup>14</sup>.

**Flowers** White coloured flowers that bloom winter to spring<sup>2</sup>, sweetly scented<sup>14</sup>.

**Fruit/Seed** Round berry 6-10 mm in diameter. Green when immature, turning orange and then red whilst also becoming sticky. The fruit contain 1-9 black, egg-shaped seeds per fruit. Fruit is produced in late spring and ripening in summer. Ripe fruit remains on plant for some months, whilst withered fruit can be retained for over 1 year if not removed by birds.<sup>14</sup>

**Root system** Rhizomatous roots producing clusters of fleshy tubers<sup>14</sup>.

**Removal techniques**

**Manual** Remove the entire plant including roots by digging<sup>2</sup>.

**Chemical** A number of chemical treatments are available. Spray the weed with glyphosate at a ratio of 1:75 with surfactant. It is best to spray between August and September<sup>22</sup>.

**Maintenance** Return to the site every three months to control regrowth until the plant is totally eradicated<sup>13</sup>.

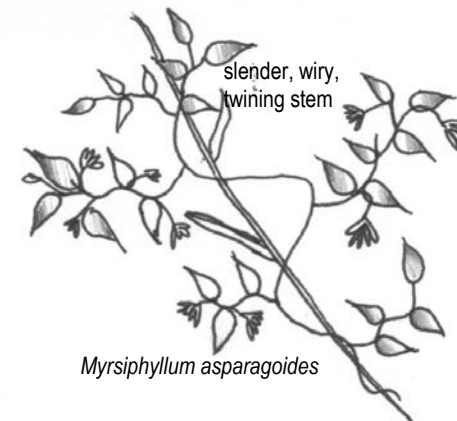
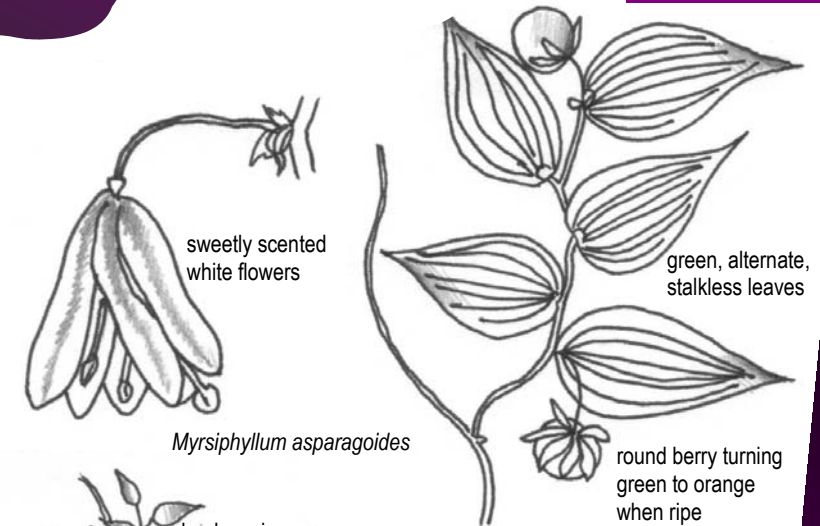
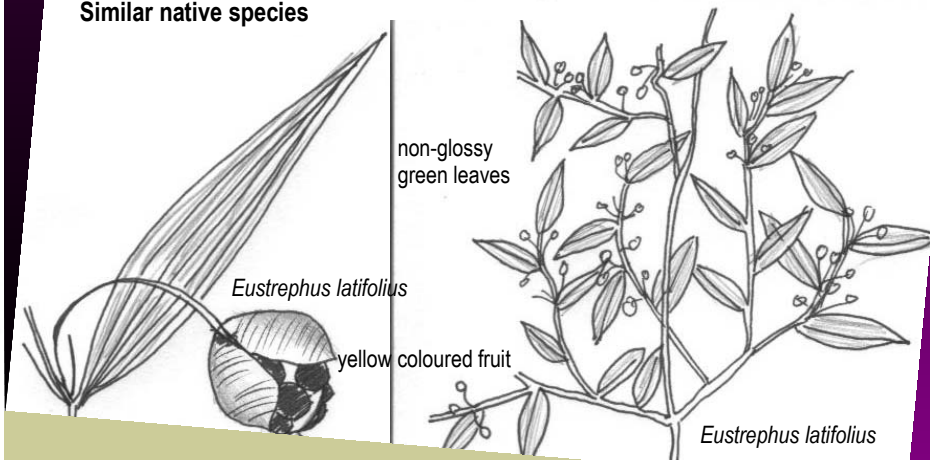
**Similar native species**

Wombat Berry (*Eustrephus latifolius*): Has non-glossy larger leaves and produces a yellow coloured fruit<sup>2</sup>.

**Notes**

Introduced to Australia from South Africa during the 1870's due to its popularity among florists, the Bridal Veil Creeper is now one of many garden escapees occurring in natural areas throughout Australia. The species has adapted quickly to Australian conditions and has come to be regarded as one of our most damaging persistent environmental weeds<sup>13</sup>.

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