

Bitou bush & boneseed: What's the difference?



Bitou bush (<i>ssp. rotundata</i>)	Boneseed (<i>ssp. monilifera</i>)
Sprawling growth habit	Upright growth habit
Rounder and less obviously toothed leaves	Less rounded and obviously toothed leaves
Flowers with more 'petals' (11-13)	Flowers with fewer 'petals' (4-8)
Egg-shaped ribbed dark seeds	Round smooth bone-coloured seeds

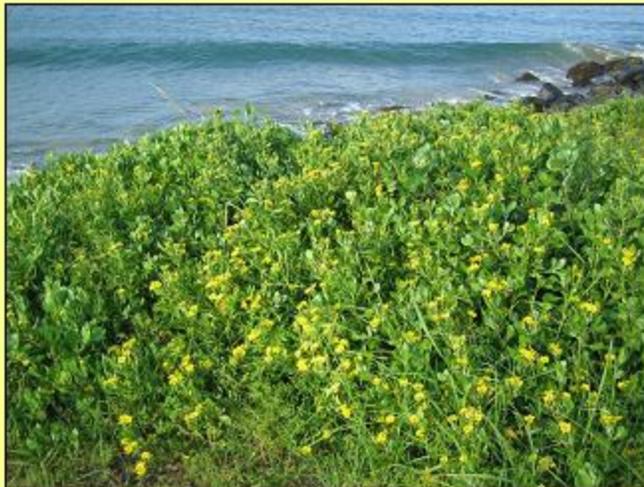
Bitou bush: facts & impacts

(*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *rotundata*)

- Asteraceae - South African coastal shrub
- First observed near Newcastle, NSW in 1908
- Deliberately planted 1950-60s to stabilise dunes
- Now occurs along > 900km (80%) of NSW coastline and impacts over 150 species in NSW
- Eradication efforts continue in SE Queensland



Rounded leaves



Mature plant



Fruits



Flowers



Seedlings

Boneseed: facts & impacts

(*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *monilifera*)

- Asteraceae - South African woody shrub
- First seen in Sydney in 1852 and Adelaide in 1892
- Escaped from horticulture and now widespread
- Major environmental weed in south-eastern Australia (Victoria, Tasmania and SA)
- Threatening eastern NSW and moving West!



Mature plant



Flowers



Seedlings



Toothed leaves