

Coastal or Mangrove Boobialla (Myoporum acuminatum)

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This boobialla is generally located just on the edges of mangrove forests, or in melaleuca or Swamp Oak forests, and the best examples at the Wetlands Sanctuary are beside the boardwalk as the vegetation type changes from the paperbark forest to the casuarina forest. A shrub to about 5 metres, it is easily overlooked unless it is in flower (June to October). The tiny flowers, about 15 mm, are quite outstanding – white with purple spots in the throat. They are followed by 5 mm purple fruit which are quickly eaten by birds once ripe.

