

## Ricinocarpos species

The Genus Ricinocarpos is generally known as wedding bush and there are 15 Australian species and one in New Caledonia. Ricinocarpos pinifolius species is the most floriferous of the Genus and should be grown more often!

### Propagation

Propagation is not easy though smoke treatment of seed has improved results. If you damage a plant by pruning, fire or chopping the roots, the soft new growth can be propagated as cuttings.

**Pre-treatment** – Smoke treatment has been successful in improving germination results, also soaking the seeds in near boiling water for 6 – 12 hours is another method.

**Sowing** – Use a good quality porous propagation mix.

Surface sow the seeds on the top of the potting mix, cover lightly with sand and water in with a fine mist spray so seeds are not dislodged from the mix.

Place on shelves in a greenhouse or in a warm shady or part shaded position and keep moist but not wet.

