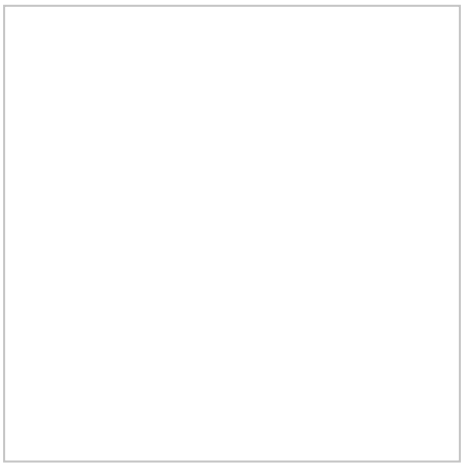
# Spotted emu bush



*Eremophila maculata*, also known asï spotted emu bush,ï is a plant in the figwortï family,ï Scrophulariaceaeï and isï endemicï toï Australia. It is the most widespread of its genus in nature and probably the most frequently cultivatedï*Eremophila*.ï

*It* is a low spreading shrub, which usually grows to less than 2.5 metres (8ï ft) tall.ï The flower colour often varies even within a single population and may be pink, mauve, red, orange or yellow, often spotted on the inside. Its flowers occur singly in the leaf axils.ï*Eremophila maculata*ï occurs inï Western Australia,ï South Australia,ï Northern Territory,ï Queensland,ï New South Walesï andï Victoria. It often grows on river flats and areas subject to periodic flooding.

*E.maculata*ï is widely cultivated in many areas and, although best suited to dry climates, can be successfully grown in more humid areas. The var.*brevifolia*ï is, however, difficult to maintain in such areas. The species prefers soils which are alkaline to mildly acidic and well drained. Full sun is preferred and, once established, the plant tolerates extended dry periods. It is also tolerant of at least moderate frost.

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**Category:** Flowering shrubs
**Families:** Scrophulariaceae
**Genus:** Eremophila
**Species:** maculata
**Geographical Area of Origin:** Oceania
**Climatic Zones:** Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a
**Habit:** Shrub
**Leaves:** Lanceolate leaf
**Colore Foglie:** Verde
**Flowering Period:** Marzo / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio
**Flower:** Tubular
**Colore Fiori:** Rosso ï Rosa ï Viola
**Favorite soil:** Sub-alkaline /Medium alkaline / Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

**Water needs:** Low / little water / Medium
**Light Exposure:** Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
**Form:** Tree / Grown as shrub / bush
**Colore Frutti:** Marrone 