

Plant of the Month — May 2016

Hakea petiolaris subsp. *trichophylla* Haegi



Hakea petiolaris subsp. *trichophylla* is one of three subspecies of what is commonly referred to as the Sea Urchin Hakea, a species with glorious, bird-attracting inflorescences that bloom in autumn and early winter. This particular subspecies is a non-resprouting, erect shrub to 6 metres high that occurs in the central Avon Wheatbelt and Mallee regions, often around granite outcrops.

The fruits of *Hakea petiolaris* are a great source of food for the threatened Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. While subsp. *trichophylla* is most commonly seen in cultivation, subsp. *petiolaris* (which has a distribution centred on the Northern Jarrah Forest) is a smaller, resprouting shrub and may therefore be a better choice for the home garden.

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