

Plant of the Month — December 2017

Viminaria juncea (Schrad. & J.C.Wendl.) Hoffmanns. — Swishbush



Viminaria juncea (Swishbush) is a tall, glabrous shrub to 5 m high with pendulous branches and slender, wiry branchlets. Sprays of bright yellow, pea-shaped flowers are produced from November to January.

Swishbush is a unique species, being the only *Viminaria* known. The species name is derived from the Latin *juncus*, meaning 'rush', referring to the rush-like branches. It is widespread across Australia, occurring in all states but not the NT. In WA it can be found from Geraldton to Esperance in a variety of habitats, but often in winter-wet depressions or near lakes.

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