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Saltbushes

Atriplex Species Information

Atriplex amnicola, River saltbush

Prostrate or erect, leaves elongated and spear shaped when mature. Leaves are more green than the grey-green typical of saltbush. Grows up to 2.5m high

Rainfall zone- 250-550m

Salinity/Water logging tolerance

- Moderate to high tolerance of salinity
- Moderate to high tolerance of winter water logging
- High drought tolerance
- One of the more palatable saltbushes
- Recovers well from heavy grazing



Atriplex nummularia, Old man saltbush

A long lived, large, erect shrub with an extensive root system, growing to 2 meters. The leaves are a greyish green, irregularly shaped and large compared to other saltbush species

Rainfall zone- 175-400mm

Salinity/ Water logging tolerance

- Moderate tolerance to salinity
- Does not tolerate long periods of water logging
- Highly drought tolerant
- Old man can be less palatable than other saltbush species, however it is usually of equal or better nutritional value
- The variety 'De Kock' has better palatability
- Can be heavily grazed and recovers well from grazing



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Atriplex undulata, Wavy leaf saltbush

A low shrub, growing to one metre high and two metres across. The leaves are small and wavy, and greyish green in colour.

Rainfall zone- 250-500mm

Salinity/Water logging tolerance

- Moderate tolerance to salinity
- Does not tolerate long periods of water logging
- Does not withstand heavy grazing

Atriplex lentiformis, Quailbrush

Fast growing perennial shrub with open, upright structure up to 2.5m high and wide, with silvery blue leaves.

Rainfall zone- 300-450mm

Salinity/ Water logging tolerance

- Moderate tolerance to salinity
- Dies back in saline waterlogged land after several years
- Grazed readily by sheep



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