

Native Rosemary

Westringia fruticosa

What is it?

Westringia fruticosa, or more commonly known as Native Rosemary, is an easily grown shrub, of neat appearance generally forming a dome-like shape. Foliage is dark and evergreen, however a covering of short hairs gives a silvery appearance. Leaves are up to 2cm in length, are narrow and pointed, and set closely in whorls around a woody stem, similar to the scented Rosemary used for cooking, hence its name. Flowers, varying in colour from white to purple with dark spots near the throat, appear in late spring, and are conspicuous against the dark foliage. When mass planted, *Westringia fruticosa* can be clipped into a hedge or screening plant, providing filtered shade.



Where do they occur?

Being salt tolerant, frost resistant and hardy, Native Rosemary is found along the NSW coast in dunes, heaths, cliffs and coastal habitats.

