

Scaevola frutescens

(Scaevola, beach naupaka)

This Hawaiian native plant is a spreading, fast growing shrub can reach a height of 3 meters with an equal spread. The bright green leaves are densely clustered at the tips of the branches. The flowers are yellowish-green to white cream-colored flowers with or without purple streaks. The medium-sized pithy berries fruits are white and pulpy. However the seeds will only germinate with fresh water. The combination of the flowers with the white fruits makes a nice display.

The fruit or root bark of beach naupaka is used to heal cuts, skin diseases and wounds.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Veloutier vert, manioc marron bord de mer

Pronunciation: see-VOLE-luh froo-TESS-senz

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Hawaii

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Shade, Edible, Medicinal, Erosion control

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round, Spreading

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m, 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters, 1.5 to 3 meters

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Spatulate

Leaf Margins: Revolute

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Color: Green, Yellow, Purple, White

Seasons: Summer, Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5, 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: White

Seasons: Summer, Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites, Scales

Plant Propagations: Cutting
