

Plant of the Month — April 2016

Billardiera laxiflora (Benth.) E.M.Benn.



Billardiera laxiflora is a slender twining shrub or vine with delicate sprays of white flowers which can be seen from February to June in southern parts of the south-west region. It's one of 11 species of *Billardiera* recognised in WA. The genus is named after Jacques-Julien Houtou de Labillardière, a French botanist and naturalist who was part of the expedition commanded by Bruni d'Entrecasteaux that included a visit to Esperance Bay in December 1792.

The family Pittosporaceae occurs in tropical or temperate climates in Australasia, south-east Asia and Africa and contains over 200 species of trees, shrubs and woody vines, often with very showy flowers.

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