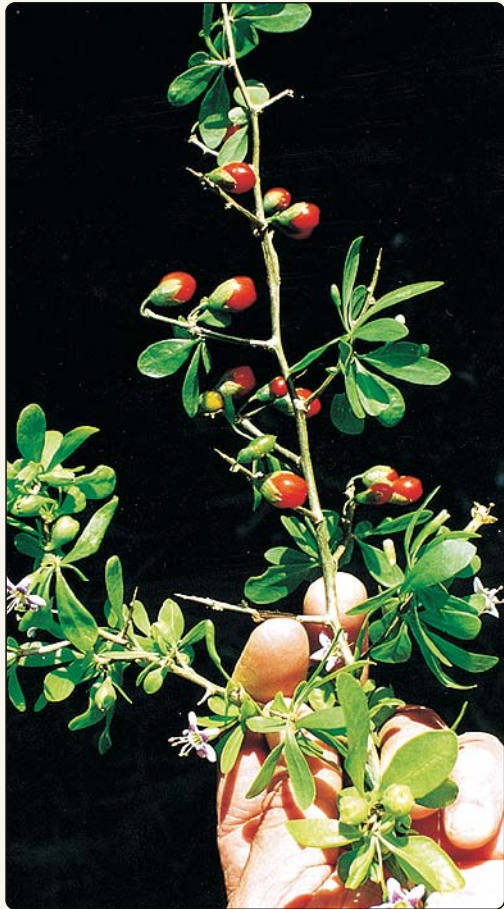


## Boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissium*)



Shrub



*The shiny orange berries are poisonous*

Boxthorn is a densely branched evergreen shrub, up to 6m tall. It has been commonly planted as a coastal plant and hedging shrub. Boxthorn is an aggressive invader of sand-dunes and coastal sites.

Boxthorn has short branchlets on its stems that end in a rigid spine. Leaves are oval, in whorls, and up 1cm long. They are covered in minute glandular scales. Small pink flowers are produced from July to March, followed by shiny orange poisonous berries. Boxthorn seed is mainly bird dispersed.

Seedlings may be grubbed out and larger plants cut and stump treated. Larger infestations may be sprayed with herbicide.

**Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.**