

## Rice flowers



*Pimelea ferruginea*, interesting plant, native to the south-western coast of Australia. The name derives from the Greek "Pimele" in reference to its oil seeds. It belongs to the Thymelaeaceae family. The genus *Pimelea* includes about eighty species, it has a bushy habitus, the species *ferruginea*, is the most known and is profitably used as an ornamental plant of the Mediterranean garden. Reaches a height of about 1 meter, the leaves resemble a tarentine myrtle, so much they seem jumbled together, of a delicately oval and glossy shape. The conspicuous and very showy flowers make it a perfect "touffe" in spring and summer, it is resistant to a partial drought, it needs a well-draining substrate with acid or sub-acid reaction. It bears partial shade, fears low temperatures and freezing winds.

**Category:** Outdoor flowering plants

**Families:** Thymelaeaceae.

**Genus:** *Pimelea*

**Species:** *ferruginea*

**Geographical Area of Origin:** Oceania

**Climatic Zones:** Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)

**Habit:** Shrub

**Leaves:** Evergreen

**Colore Foglie:** Verde 

**Flowering Period:** Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio

**Flower:** Pseudanthium

**Colore Fiori:** Rosa 

**Favorite soil:** Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

**Water needs:** Medium

**Light Exposure:** Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

**Form:** Grown as shrub / bush

**Colore Frutti:** Marrone 