

In England *Suæda fruticosa* grows characteristically on maritime shingle, and preferably on such zones as are covered at the spring tides. The plant is consequently a halophyte. It is also able to maintain itself perfectly where salt marsh turf has overlaid the shingle to a depth of 1 or 2 feet. Occasionally it is found sporadically on salt marshes, apparently quite inde-

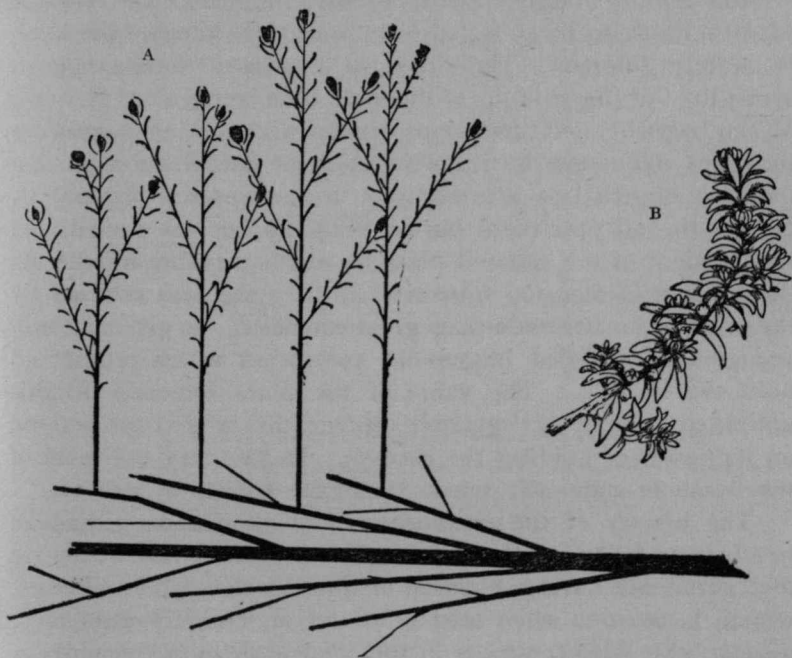


Fig. 24.—A, Diagram of prostrated branch of *Suæda fruticosa* rejuvenating in the shingle from lateral buds. B, Twig with leaves and flowers, nat. size.

pendent of any shingly substratum, and also on clay sea-walls. It prospers on sand dunes¹ when continuous supplies of fresh sand are brought by the wind; its range of habitat is thus considerable. In ordinary garden soil, and even in a London window-box, it flourishes amazingly. When better known, *Suæda* will doubtless be cultivated as an ornamental shrub.

Here we are concerned with *Suæda fruticosa* as a shingle

¹ Doubtless occurring as an anarhizophyte originally established on shingle.