

**Species name:** Eastern baccharis (*Baccharis halimifolia*)

**Group:** Plants

**Native region (Continent):** North America

**Local Status:** Established

**Entry paths (if known):** Escapes from public plantations

**Observations:** Scattered distribution along the Flemish coastline. The species benefited from urban sprawl along the Belgian coast and the demand for plants adapted to the coastal climate for plantations in public greenery, along roads and tramways, on roundabouts and in private gardens. Eastern baccharis has spread throughout the entire coastline since 1997. Based on field surveys in 46 nature reserves it occurs in 11 % of Belgian dune areas. It is mostly found in (sub)urban environments and fringes of nature areas, where it grows in grassland or open scrub.

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