

Asteridea athrixioides f. athrixioides

Wirewort









An adult Australian Painted Lady

(Hunt, L, SA Butterflies & Moths)

Germination rate: 2 to 6 weeks

(Archer, W, Esperance Wildflowers)

(Taylor, R, Seeds of South Australia)

(Asteridea athrixioide, Seeds of South Australia)

Form: Ground cover Height: up to 0.2 m Spread: up to 0.2 m Flowers: Yellow Type: Daisy Flowering time: Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:





Soils: sand or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

Seed collecting: pick by hand mature heads that are turning brown and contain semi-hard brown seed inside.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow all year round.

Position: full sun, part shade

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: attracts insects and butterflies. Host plant to the native Australian Painted Lady (*Vanessa kershawi*).

Notes: seeds are non-dormant, viable seed should germinate readily

Sources: Botanical Gardens of South Australia; Seeds of South Australia; TreeProject, Trees For Life Tree Scheme: Grower's Handbook'; Atlas of Living Australia; SA Butterflies & Moths