



Atriplex semibaccata

Berry Saltbush



(Atriplex semibaccata, Seeds of South Australia)



(Wood, D, Plants of Scotia Sanctuary)



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Female
(top) and
male
(bottom)
Salt-bush
Blue
butterflies

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Ground cover*

Height: *0.1 – 0.3 m*

Spread: *1 – 3 m*

Flowers: *Pink*

Type: *Clusters*

Flowering time: *Spring, Summer*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *clay or loam; alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *2 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: collect fruits that have started to dry and turn pale. Fruits can be collected directly from the bush or from the ground underneath.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: none

Uses: soil and erosion control in high saline areas, weed control in verges, nature strips and roundabouts. Fire retardant. Food host to Salt-bush Blue (*Theclines the sserpentata*) caterpillars.

Notes: written approval required prior to planting in streets or roads. Do not plant less than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.