



# *Atriplex suberecta*

## Lagoon Saltbush



(*Atriplex suberecta*, Seeds of South Australia)



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

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** Ground cover    **Height:** 0.2 – 1 m    **Spread:** 0.8 – 1 m    **Flowers:** Pale green    **Type:** Clusters    **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** sand 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. Requires good drainage.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** none

**Uses:** as hardy ground cover for saline and degraded sites. Dense matting effect suppresses weeds and stabilises soil. Fire retardant. Food host to Salt-bush Blue (*Theclines the sserpentata*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** has separate male and female flowers that occur on the same plant (dioecious).