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Running Postman



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Male



Female

Long-tailed
Pea-blue

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: Creeper **Height:** up to 0.1 m **Spread:** 1 – 4 m **Flowers:** Red **Type:** Pea **Flowering time:** Summer, Winter

Ecological functions:



Soils: sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

Germination rate: 4 to 6 weeks

Seed collecting: collect pods after they turn brownish-red and begin to dry out. Hot weather enables them to mature quickly and open up.

Seed treatment: Place seed into a container with hot NOT BOILING water from the tap. Soak for at least 6 hours. Remove and sow immediately

Sowing requirements: cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Late Spring to Summer. Requires well-drained soils.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: ornamental creeper in mixed natives on slight slopes and embankments. Suitable for open landscapes, parks and reserves. Can die back to woody rootstock and reshoot when times are favourable. Food host to adult and caterpillar Long-tailed Pea-blue (*Lampides boeticus*).

Notes: fire retardant.