



# Linum marginale

## Native Flax



(Taylor, R, Seeds of South Australia)



(Dandie, A, iNaturalist Australia)



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

**Form:** Sedge or Flax **Height:** 0.3 – 1 m

**Spread:** 0.3 – 0.3 m **Flowers:** Blue

**Type:** Star

**Flowering time:** Spring, Winter

**Ecological functions:**



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

**Germination rate:** 3 to 4 weeks

**Seed collecting:** most fruits mature in late Spring, some can be found up until Autumn on late-flowering plants. Hand-pick capsules when they show a tan-brown colour. May need to rub the capsules against a fine wire screen to fully remove seeds. Clean seeds using sieves.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sow seeds in potting mix and cover them with potting mix or vermiculite. Need to be planted with good spacing to allow air circulation, which reduces rust. Sow in Autumn. Requires good drainage.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** suitable for mass plantings in medium strips and verges or with mixed native plantings. Indigenous peoples used the fibrous bark and stems for making cord and nets, and the fibre for string. They also used the seeds as a food source.

**Notes:** prune to ground in Autumn.