

## Carex appressa Tall sedge







Adult Bright-eyed Brown

(Russell, A, Canberra Nature Map)

(Bedingfield, M, Canberra Nature Map)

(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Type:** Panicles

**Form:** Sedge or Flax **Height:** 0.5 – 1 m

**Spread:** 0.5 – 1 m

Flowers: Brown

Flowering time: Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:** 





Soils: loam; acidic or neutral

**Germination rate:** 4 to 12 weeks

**Seed collecting:** collect fruits by running hands along the heads. Mature seeds will come off easily. Or cut whole heads that are brown, containing dark hard seeds.

Seed treatment: none

**Sowing requirements:** press seed onto damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Summer. Sow in full sun, not under shadecloth. Grows in clumps, do not thin out.

**Position:** full sun

Supplementary watering: none

**Uses:** as ornamental tussock grass for damp localities, wetlands, ponds, dams and watercourses. Seasonal or temporary inundation tolerant. Food host to Bright-eyed Brown (*Heteronympha cordace wilsoni*) adults and caterpillars.

**Notes:** appropriate in biofiltration systems and rain gardens.