

Gahnia filum Chaffy Saw Sedge









Adult Yellowish Sedge-skippers (SA Butterflies & Moths)

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Form: Sedge or Flax Height: 0.4 – 1.5 m Spread: 1 – 1.5 m Flowers: Brown Type: Spikes Flowering time: All year round

Ecological functions:





Soils: sand or loam; alkaline or neutral

Seed collecting: cut off fruiting spikes, wear thick, strong gloves as foliage is extremely sharp. Remove seeds by firmly smacking fruiting spike on flat surface. Seeds will easily dislodge.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring to Summer.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: moderate

Uses: as a feature plant in mixed native landscapes, or as a screen or wind-break along watercourses in coastal reserves. Important habitat and food source for native birds. Food source for Yellowish Sedge-skipper (Hesperilla donnysa donnysa form flavescens) and Donnysa Sedge-skipper (Hesperilla donnysa donnysa) caterpillars.

Germination rate: 4 to 12 weeks