



Lomandra multiflora ssp. dura

Stiff Mat-rush



(Fricker, S, iNaturalist Australia)

Form: *Sedge or Flax*



Female flowers

(Murfet, D, Seeds of South Australia)

Height: *0.2 – 0.6 m*



Male flowers

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Spread: *0.6 – 1 m*

Flowers: *Cream*

Type: *Bell*



Adult Rare
White-
spot Rush-
skipper

(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

Flowering time: *Spring*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *clay or loam; alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *8 to 10 weeks*

Seed collecting: fruits turn golden brown when ripe and the seed becomes hard and rice-like. Cut stems with secateurs and place upside down in a paper bag. Wear gloves to avoid spines. Capsules open more easily if still attached to stems. Dry until open then thresh lightly to extract seed. Sieve to clean.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: place seed just beneath surface of the propagating soil. Cover lightly with fine gravel. Keep moist and place out in an open position. Sow in Spring to Summer. Requires free-draining soils. Can grow from cuttings.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: ornamental perennial tussocky shrub. Can be planted en-mass to provide soil stabilisation. Habitat and food sources for native birds, small mammals and reptiles. Indigenous people used the nectar as a food, and the leaves for basket making. Food host to Rare White-spot Rush-skipper (*Trapezites luteus luteus*) caterpillars.