



Microlaena stipoides var. *stipoides*

Weeping Rice-grass



Flowers

(Murfet, D, Seeds of South Australia)



Fruits

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Male

(Fisher, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)



Female

Adult
Common
Brown

Form: Sedge or Flax **Height:** 0.1 – 0.7 m **Spread:** 0.2 – 1 m **Flowers:** Green **Type:** Panicles **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:



Soils: sand or clay; acidic

Germination rate: 3 to 6 weeks

Seed collecting: vacuum harvesting is the most effective method of only removing mature spikelets. Brush harvesting can also be used particularly if the crop has matured evenly.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring to Autumn.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: slender perennial grass for mixed native plantings or grouped as an understorey planting. Can replace exotic grasses in amenity plantings, roadsides and parks. Attracts native butterflies, caterpillar food plant. Food host to Common Brown (*Heteronympha merope merope*) caterpillars.

Note: has moderate tolerance to herbicides.