



Rytidosperma caespitosum

Common Wallaby Grass



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Adult
White-
banded
Grass-dart

(Best, R, NatureShare)

Form: Sedge or Flax **Height:** 0.2 – 0.8 m **Spread:** up to 0.2 m **Flowers:** Green **Type:** Spikes **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

Ecological functions: 

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

Germination rate: 3 to 6 weeks

Seed collecting: seeds can be easily vacuumed by brush harvesters, vacuum and hand. May require processing as seeds are extremely hairy. Processing can be done by hand separation and the clipper.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Autumn to early Spring. Optimum germination temperature 15-25°C. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: a tussock grass for native landscapes, parks and reserves. For rockeries, borders, fill-ins or planted en-mass as drifts in verges, median strips and roundabouts. Food host to White-banded Grass-dart (*Taractrocerca papyria papyria*) caterpillars.

Notes: thrives in poor soils and areas of neglect. Previously *Austrodanthonia caespitosa*.