

Atriplex cinerea Coast/Grey Saltbush









Female (top) and male (bottom) Salt-bush Blue butterflies



(Atriplex cinerea, Seeds of South Australia)

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Type: Clusters

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Medium shrub*

Height: 1-2 m

Spread: 2-3 m

Flowers: Cream

Flowering time: Spring, Autumn

Ecological functions:





Soils: sand or loam; alkaline or neutral

Germination rate: 2 to 4 weeks

Seed collecting: collect fruits that are starting to dry or and turn brown. Fruits can be collected directly from the bush or from the ground underneath.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel.

Position: full sun, part shade

Supplementary watering: none

Uses: for exposed coastal locations. Soil and sand control on roadsides, verges, fire breaks, parks and reserves. Food host to Salt-bush Blue (Theclinesthe sserpentata) caterpillars.

Notes: written approval required prior to planting in streets or roads. Do not plant less than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.

Sources: Botanical Gardens of South Australia; Seeds of South Australia; TreeProject, Trees For Life Tree Scheme: Grower's Handbook'; Atlas of Living Australia