



Atriplex paludosa

Marsh Saltbush



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

(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Medium shrub* **Height:** *0.3 – 1.5 m*

Spread: *1 – 2 m*

Flowers: *Green*

Type: *Spikes*

Flowering time: *All year round*

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: *2 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: collect fruits that have started to dry and turn pale. Check for viable seed inside the fruit before collecting.

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: soil and erosion control in high saline areas, parks and coastal reserves. Food host to Salt-bush Blue (*Theclines the sserpentata*) and other native butterfly caterpillars.

Notes: fire retardant as per SA Country Fire Service.