



Dodonea viscosa

Sticky Hop Bush



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(Seeds of South Australia)

Form: *Medium Shrub*

Height: *1 – 3 m*

Spread: *1.3 m*

Flowers: *Yellowish-green*

Type: *Clusters*

Flowering time: *Spring*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *Clay, loam or sand; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *2 – 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: Collect mature capsules that are red or brown with black seeds inside. Allow capsules to dry for one to two weeks before dislodging the seeds. To do so, rub the capsules by hand. Store the seeds in an airtight container with a desiccant (dry rice). Collect seeds between November and March.

Seed treatment: Pre-treat with hot water.

Sowing requirements: Sow seeds in well-drained soil, 3-5 mm below the soil surface. Place in a warm shaded or semi-shaded position, and keep warm and moist. Sow seeds in Spring or Autumn, avoiding the hottest and coldest months. Grows from cuttings.

Position: Full sun to part shade.

Supplementary watering: Minimal.

Uses: Plant in verges, median streets, parks and reserves. It is commonly grown as an ornamental plant for its decorative coloured fruits and glossy leaves. Dodonea makes a sturdy hedge that will be very tolerant of pruning. The leaves were used by the Kaurna people to treat toothache (they were chewed without swallowing the juice), sore throats, wounds, skin rashes and stings.