



# *Hakea rugosa*

## Dwarf Hakea



(Seeds of South Australia)

**Form:** *Medium shrub*



(Sando, D, iNaturalist Australia)

**Height:** 0.1 – 2.5 m    **Spread:** 1.5 – 3 m    **Flowers:** White



Fruit

(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

**Type:** Ball    **Flowering time:** Winter



Adult Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos (Lawrenz, R, iNaturalist Australia)

**Ecological functions:**



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

**Germination rate:** 4 to 8 weeks

**Seed collecting:** cut off mature fruit, which are greyish colour. Place in area to dry, 2 seeds will be released from fruit when dry. Screen to clean off unwanted material. Store in dry cool area. Fruits are collected from 2 years after flowering.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Spring to Summer. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth. Requires well-drained soils.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** weed-suppressing, wind-break or low barrier. Seeds are a food source of the Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo. Growing this species in small stands between open space will help encourage the return of this endangered native bird.

**Notes:** not recommended to plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.