



Indigofera australis

Australian Indigo



(Seeds of South Australia)

Form: *Medium shrub*



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Height: *1.5 – 3 m*

Spread: *1 – 3 m*



An adult Black-spot Grass-blue

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Flowers: *Pink*

Type: *Pea*



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Flowering time: *Spring, Winter*

Male (top) and female (bottom) adult Long-tailed Pea-blue

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: *3 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: pods can be picked off by gloved hands when they mature to a grey-brown colour. Place in warm area to dry.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Autumn to Spring. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth. Keep ants off.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: indigenous peoples hammered the roots and placed in salt or fresh water to poison fish. Food source of Black-spot Grass-blue (*Famegana alsulus alsulus*) and Long-tailed Pea-blue (*Lampides boeticus*).

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