



Rytidosperma fulvam

Wallaby Grass



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)



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Adult female (top)
and male (bottom)
Common Xenica

Form: *Sedge or Flax* **Height:** *0.6 – 0.7 m* **Spread:** *0.4 – 0.5 m* **Flowers:** *Cream* **Type:** *Grass panicle* **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

Ecological functions:  

Soils: *clay or loam; alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *3 to 6 weeks*

Seed collecting: seeds can be easily vacuumed by brush harvesters, vaccum and hand. May requires processing as seeds are extremely hairy. Processing can be done by hand separation and the clipper.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Autumn to early Spring. Optimum germination temperature 15-25°C. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: a perennial grass for native landscapes, parks and reserves. Suitable for near coastal locations. Food host to Common Xenica (*Geitoneura klugii*) caterpillars.

Notes: thrives in poor soils and areas of neglect. Does not grow from cuttings. Previously known as *Austrodanthonia fulva*.