



Westringia rigida

Stiff Westringia



(Beadell, A, Seeds of South Australia)



(Murfet, D, Seeds of South Australia) (Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)



Upperside (top) and underside (bottom) of an adult Rayed Blue

(Grund, R, Butterfly Conservation SA)

Form: Low shrub **Height:** 0.3 – 0.5 m **Spread:** 0.3 – 0.5 m **Flowers:** White **Type:** Fan-shaped **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:



Soils: sand or loam; alkaline

Germination rate: 3 to 10 weeks

Seed collecting: place muslin type bags over fruiting branches and tie on firmly to catch falling seeds. Alternatively, cut off maturing fruits, dry out fully. Screen out seeds and store until required.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sprinkle seeds over a sandy propagating mix. Cover lightly with fine gravel. Keep moist and place in warm, sunny area. Sow in Spring or Autumn.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: an ornamental feature plant in native landscapes or as background plants in larger mixed plantings. Can be used as a screen, barrier or informal hedge. Suitable for areas of low maintenance and traffic due to its prickly foliage. Food host to Rayed Blue (*Candalides heathi heathi*) caterpillars.

Notes: also grow from cuttings.