



Arthropodium strictum

Chocolate Lily



(Arthropodium strictum, Seeds of South Australia)



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Form: *Sedge or Flax*

Height: *0.2 – 0.3 m*

Spread: *up to 0.2 m*

Flowers: *Mauve*

Type: *Star*

Flowering time: *Summer*

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: *2 to 6 weeks*

Seed collecting: collect mature capsules, those that are turning a pale straw colour and contain black seeds. Collect individual capsules or break off the whole spike.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth. Sow in Autumn.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: a small delicate native lily with distinctive scent of chocolate on a warm day. Excellent species for mass plantings. Tubers are used for food by Indigenous peoples.

Notes: Propagate from seed or by division. This species has a clumping habit.