



# *Asteridea athrxioides f. athrxioides*

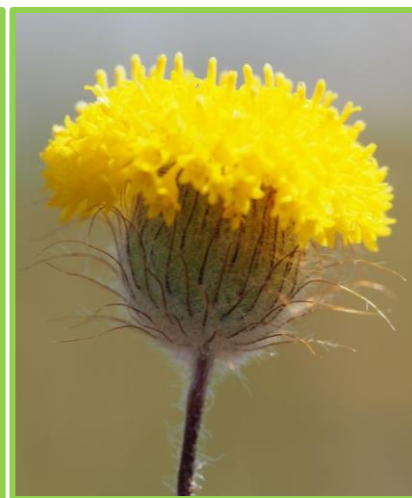
## Wirewort



(Archer, W, Esperance Wildflowers)



(Taylor, R, Seeds of South Australia)



(Asteridea athrxioides, Seeds of South Australia)



An adult Australian Painted Lady

(Hunt, L, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** *Ground cover*   **Height:** *up to 0.2 m*   **Spread:** *up to 0.2 m*   **Flowers:** *Yellow*   **Type:** *Daisy*   **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:** 

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

**Germination rate:** *2 to 6 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** pick by hand mature heads that are turning brown and contain semi-hard brown seed inside.

**Sowing requirements:** cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow all year round.

**Uses:** attracts insects and butterflies. Host plant to the native Australian Painted Lady (*Vanessa kershawi*).

**Seed treatment:** none

**Position:** full sun, part shade

**Notes:** seeds are non-dormant, viable seed should germinate readily

**Supplementary watering:** minimal