



# *Atriplex cinerea*

## Coast/Grey Saltbush



(*Atriplex cinerea*, Seeds of South Australia)



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Female (top) and male (bottom) Salt-bush Blue butterflies

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** *Medium shrub*    **Height:** *1 – 2 m*    **Spread:** *2 – 3 m*    **Flowers:** *Cream*    **Type:** *Clusters*    **Flowering time:** *Spring, Autumn*

**Ecological functions:**      **Soils:** *sand or loam; alkaline or neutral*    **Germination rate:** *2 to 4 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** collect fruits that are starting to dry or and turn brown. Fruits can be collected directly from the bush or from the ground underneath.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel.

**Position:** full sun, part shade

**Supplementary watering:** none

**Uses:** for exposed coastal locations. Soil and sand control on roadsides, verges, fire breaks, parks and reserves. Food host to Salt-bush Blue (*Theclinesthe sserpentata*) caterpillars.

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