



Atriplex suberecta

Lagoon Saltbush



(*Atriplex suberecta*, Seeds of South Australia)



Female flowers

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Male flowers

(Seeds of South Australia)



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

(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Ground cover* **Height:** *0.2 – 1 m* **Spread:** *0.8 – 1 m* **Flowers:** *Pale green* **Type:** *Clusters* **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

Ecological functions:  

Soils: *sand or loam; alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *2 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: collect fruits that have started to dry and turn pale. 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. Requires good drainage.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: none

Uses: as hardy ground cover for saline and degraded sites. Dense matting effect suppresses weeds and stabilises soil. Fire retardant. Food host to Salt-bush Blue (*Theclines the sserpentata*) caterpillars.

Notes: has separate male and female flowers that occur on the same plant (dioecious).