



# Austrodanthonia caespitosa

## Common Wallaby Grass



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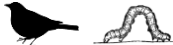
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Adult  
White-  
banded  
Grass-dart

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**Form:** Sedge or Flax    **Height:** 0.2 – 0.8 m    **Spread:** up to 0.2 m    **Flowers:** Green    **Type:** Spikes    **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:**     **Soils:** sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral    **Germination rate:** 3 to 6 weeks

**Seed collecting:** seeds can be easily vacuumed by brush harvesters, vaccum and hand. May require processing as seeds are extremely hairy. Processing can be done by hand separation and the clipper.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Autumn to early Spring. Optimum germination temperature 15-25°C. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** a tussock grass for native landscapes, parks and reserves. For rockeries, borders, fill-ins or planted en-mass as drifts in verges, median strips and roundabouts. Food host to White-banded Grass-dart (*Taractrocera papyria papyria*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** thrives in poor soils and areas of neglect.