



# Austrodanthonia fulva

## Wallaby Grass



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Adult female (top)  
and male (bottom)  
Common Xenica

**Form:** Sedge or Flax    **Height:** 0.6 – 0.7 m    **Spread:** 0.4 – 0.5 m    **Flowers:** Cream    **Type:** Grass panicle    **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** clay or loam; alkaline or neutral

**Germination rate:** 3 to 6 weeks

**Seed collecting:** seeds can be easily vacuumed by brush harvesters, vaccum and hand. May requires 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 shadecloth.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** a perennial grass for native landscapes, parks and reserves. Suitable for near coastal locations. Food host to Common Xenica (*Geitoneura klugii*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** thrives in poor soils and areas of neglect. Does not grow from cuttings.