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## Notched Sedge



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Adult  
Bright-eyed  
Brown

(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** Sedge or Flax   **Height:** 0.5 – 1 m   **Spread:** 0.5 – 1 m   **Flowers:** Brown   **Type:** Panicles   **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** loam; acidic

**Germination rate:** 4 to 12 weeks

**Seed collecting:** collect fruits by running hands along the heads. Mature seeds will come off easily. Or cut whole heads that are brown, containing dark hard seeds.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** press seed onto damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Summer. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth. Grows in clumps, do not thin out.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** none

**Uses:** an ornamental tussock grass for damp localities, wetlands, ponds, dams and watercourses. Can tolerate seasonal or temporary inundation. Habitat for small birds. Food host to Bright-eyed Brown (*Heteronympha cordace wilsoni*) adults and caterpillars.

**Notes:** appropriate in biofiltration systems and rain gardens.