



Carex gaudichaudiana

Fen sedge



(Seeds of South Australia)



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(SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Sedge or Flax*

Height: *0.1 – 0.5 m*

Spread: *1 – 1.5 m*

Flowers: *Cream*

Type: *Spikes*

Flowering time: *Spring, Summer*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *clay; acidic or neutral*

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: as ornamental tussock grass for damp localities, wetlands, ponds, dams and watercourses. Forms a spreading and suckering clump. Food host to Bright-eyed Brown (*Heteronympha cordace wilsoni*) adults and caterpillars.

Notes: appropriate in biofiltration systems and rain gardens.