



# Cullen australasicum

## Scurf Pea



(Seeds of South Australia)



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Adult  
Chequered  
Swallowtail

**Form:** Low shrub **Height:** 0.5 – 1.5 m **Spread:** 0.5 – 1.5 m **Flowers:** Pink, Purple **Type:** Pea **Flowering time:** Spring

**Ecological functions:** 

**Soils:** sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

**Germination rate:** 3 to 6 weeks

**Seed collecting:** collect maturing pods, those that are fat, turning black and contain a brown seed inside, by running your hands along the fruit-spikes. Place pods in a tray and leave to dry for 1 to 2 weeks or until the pods begin to split. Then rub the dried pods to dislodge the seeds.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Summer.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** planted in native landscaping, parks and reserves in rocky sites for its fast growing perennial nature. Important food source for the caterpillars of migratory Swallowtail butterflies (family Papilionidae), Long-tailed Pea-blue (*Lampides boeticus*) and Common Grass-blue (*Zizina otis labradus*).