

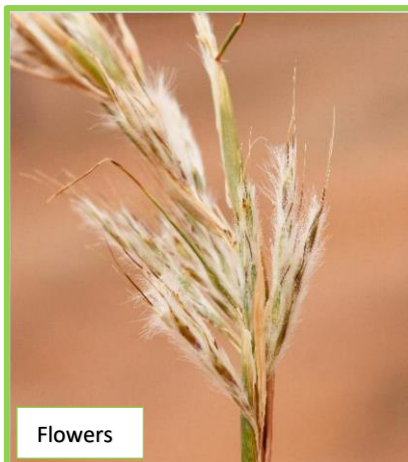


Cymbopogon ambiguus

Scent Grass



(Seeds of South Australia)



Flowers

(Nicholson, K, iNaturalist Australia)



Adult Ina
Grass-dart

(Chapman, A, iNaturalist Australia)

Form: Sedge or Flax **Height:** 0.3 – 0.8 m **Spread:** 0.1 – 0.5 m **Flowers:** Cream **Type:** Spikes **Flowering time:** All year round

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: 2 to 4 weeks

Seed collecting: use hands to gently strip seeds off the mature seed spike that are fluffy from the hairs and turning straw in colour. Mature seeds come off easily. Otherwise, the whole seed spike can be broken off.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow all year.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: moderate

Uses: leaves release a strong lemon or citron odour when crushed. Used for chest infections and headaches. Excellent for using amongst rockery. Important food source for the larvae of Ina Grass-dart (*Taractrocera ina*).

Notes: can be propagated by division or seed. Drought resistant but will have a healthier appearance if a little extra water is given.