



Eremophila glabra 'Roseworthy'

Common Emu Bush



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An adult
Rayed Blue

(Butterfly Conservation SA Inc)

Form: *Medium shrub* **Height:** *0.3 – 1.5 m* **Spread:** *1 – 3 m* **Flowers:** *Orange* **Type:** *Tubular* **Flowering time:** *Spring, Winter*

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: *4 to 8 weeks*

Seed collecting: cut off or pick mature fruits directly from plant. The skin usually becomes crinkly. Or collect fruits from the ground. Remove skin and clean down to hard stone before sowing.

Seed treatment: not necessary but beneficial. Soak seed in warm water for up to 16 hours. Remove seed and sow immediately.

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in late Spring to Summer. Requires well-drained soil.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: highly ornamental and hardy. Used as dense matting to suppress weeds and stabilise soil. Attracts native nectar eating birds and insects. Indigenous peoples consumed nectar by sucking the flowers. Food host to the Rayed Blue (*Candalides heathi heathi*).

Notes: responds to pruning. A fire retardant plant according to SA Country Fire Service.