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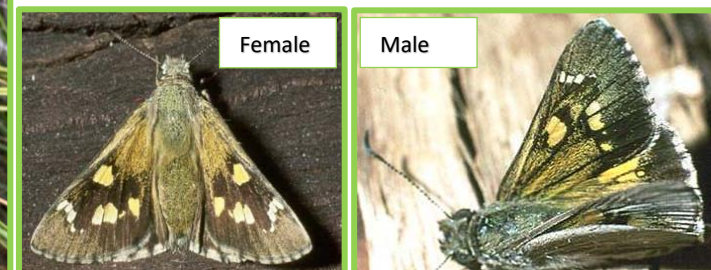
Chaffy Saw Sedge



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Adult Yellowish Sedge-skipper (SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: *Sedge or Flax* **Height:** *0.4 – 1.5 m* **Spread:** *1 – 1.5 m* **Flowers:** *Brown* **Type:** *Spikes* **Flowering time:** *All year round*

Ecological functions:  

Soils: *sand or loam; alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *4 to 12 weeks*

Seed collecting: cut off fruiting spikes, wear thick, strong gloves as foliage is extremely sharp. Remove seeds by firmly smacking fruiting spike on flat surface. Seeds will easily dislodge.

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 Spring to Summer.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: moderate

Uses: as a feature plant in mixed native landscapes, or as a screen or wind-break along watercourses in coastal reserves. Important habitat and food source for native birds. Food source for Yellowish Sedge-skipper (*Hesperilla donnysa donnysa* form *flavescens*) and Donnysa Sedge-skipper (*Hesperilla donnysa donnysa*) caterpillars.