



# Goodenia ovata

## Hop Goodenia



(Seeds of South Australia)



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An adult Meadow Argus

(Hunt, L, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** *Medium shrub* **Height:** 1 – 2.5 m **Spread:** 1 – 3 m **Flowers:** Yellow **Type:** *Open-petalled* **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:** 

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

**Germination rate:** *4 to 8 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** observe the base of dried flowers. If they look mature and swollen at the base, nip off and fully dry in warm position. Brown seed will be released when dry.

**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. Prefers well-drained soils.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** ornamental, for more open locations, wider verges, median strips, parks and reserves. Planted as a colourful background in mixed plantings or as a barrier or informal hedge. Food source to Meadow Argus (*Junonia villida calybe*) caterpillars and other native insects.

**Notes:** can become straggly, responds to pruning.