



Hakea rugosa

Dwarf Hakea



(Seeds of South Australia)

Form: *Medium shrub*



(Sando, D, iNaturalist Australia)

Height: *0.1 – 2.5 m* **Spread:** *1.5 – 3 m* **Flowers:** *White*



Fruit

(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

Type: *Ball* **Flowering time:** *Winter*



Adult Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoos (Lawrenz, R, iNaturalist Australia)

Ecological functions:



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

Germination rate: *4 to 8 weeks*

Seed collecting: cut off mature fruit, which are greyish colour. Place in area to dry, 2 seeds will be released from fruit when dry. Screen to clean off unwanted material. Store in dry cool area. Fruits are collected from 2 years after flowering.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: cover with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Spring to Summer. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth. Requires well-drained soils.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: weed-suppressing, wind-break or low barrier. Seeds are a food source of the Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo. Growing this species in small stands between open space will help encourage the return of this endangered native bird.

Notes: not recommended to plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.