Hakea rugosa
Dwarf Hakea

Form: Medium shrub
Height: 0.1 – 2.5 m
Spread: 1.5 – 3 m
Flowers: White
Type: Ball
Flowering time: Winter

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 shadecloth. 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.

Sources: Botanical Gardens of South Australia; Seeds of South Australia; Trees For Life Tree Scheme: Grower’s Handbook; SA Butterflies & Moths; “What Seed is that?”