



# *Hardenbergia violacea*

## Native Wisteria



(Taylor, R, Seeds of South Australia)



(Whittington, P, iNaturalist Australia)



Male Common Grass-blue

(Fisher, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)



Female

(Campbell, M, iNaturalist Australia)

**Form:** *Low shrub or Climber*   **Height:** *0.4 – 0.5 m*   **Spread:** *2 – 5 m*   **Flowers:** *Purple*   **Type:** *Pea*   **Flowering time:** *Spring, Winter*

**Ecological functions:**



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

**Germination rate:** *4 to 6 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** pods can be picked off by gloved hands when they mature to be a brown colour. Place in warm area to dry.

**Seed treatment:** Place seed into a container with hot NOT BOILING water from the tap. Soak for at least 6 hours. Remove and sow immediately.

**Sowing requirements:** cover seed to its own depth with damp soil and firm gently. Then cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Summer.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** a vigorous small shrub or climber. Can be planted singly in mixed beds, wider verges and roundabouts, or mass planted as an effective ground or fence cover. Food source of Common Grass-blue (*Zizina otis labradus*).

**Notes:** responds well to hard pruning to improve shape and form.