



# *Pimelea glauca*

## Smooth Riceflower



(Best, R, NatureShare)



(Seeds of South Australia)



Fruits



Adult Rayed Blue

(Cox, G, iNaturalist Australia)

**Form:** *Low shrub*    **Height:** *0.2 – 1 m*    **Spread:** *0.3 – 1.5 m*    **Flowers:** *White, Cream*    **Type:** *Tubular*    **Flowering time:** *Summer, Winter*

**Ecological functions:** 

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

**Germination rate:** *4 to 12 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** when mature, cut off flower heads. This is usually 2 months after flowering. Flowers will be drying and withering away. Place in wire sieve to remove skin from seed.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sow fresh seeds into sandy propagating soil. Cover lightly with fine gravel. Place out in open area and keep moist. Seed can take several months to germinate. Sow from Autumn.

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

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** good for rockeries, borders, verges, median streets, parks and reserves. Planted singly as an ornamental in mixed plantings or en-mass as a low barrier or informal hedge. Butterfly attracting. Food host to Rayed Blue (*Candalides heathi heathi*) caterpillars.

**Note:** responds well to heavy pruning.