



Rhagodia parabolica

Fragrant Saltbush



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Adult
Saltbush
Blue

(Melville, A, BowerBird)

Form: *Medium shrub* **Height:** 1.5 – 3 m

Spread: 2 – 5 m

Flowers: Green

Type: Panicles

Flowering time: All year round

Ecological functions:



Soils: sand or loam; alkaline or neutral

Germination rate: 3 to 4 weeks

Seed collecting: collect when seeds are a deep maroon-red colour. Wear gloves and cut off the terminal fruiting spikes. Place in warm area to dry. Once dry, the seeds are easy to observe. Screen to give final clean.

Seed treatment: none. If seeds are sticky, add talcum powder for easy handling.

Sowing requirements: sow seeds into propagating mix, cover seeds lightly and keep moist. Place in open position. Sow in late Spring to Summer. Seeds can propagate easily on poor soils. Requires moderately good drainage.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: a hardy foliage plant, suitable for areas of low maintenance. Can be used as a wind-break and soil control. Food source to Salt-bush Blue (*Theclinesthes serpentata serpentata*) caterpillars.

Notes: prune to promote bushier growth. Fire retardant as per SA Country Fire Service.