



Scaevola aemula

Fairy Fanflower



(Seeds of South Australia)



(Lindorff, C, iNaturalist Australia)



Adult
Meadow
Argus

(Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

Form: Groundcover **Height:** 0.1 – 0.3 m **Spread:** 0.5 – 1 m **Flowers:** Blue, Purple **Type:** Fan-shaped **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:



Soils: sand or loam; acidic or neutral

Germination rate: 4 to 12 weeks

Seed collecting: cut off flowering stems that are drying. Lay out to fully dry. Place contents over fine screen and rub hands over foliage to dislodge seed. Seeds are fine and small but detectable.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sprinkle over sandy soils, cover lightly and keep moist. Sow seeds in early Winter. Requires well-drained soils.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: ornamental foreground or undershrub planting in semi shaded areas. Planted en-mass for erosion and weed control. Attracts native butterflies and insects, caterpillar food plant. Food source to Meadow Argus (*Junonia villida calybe*) caterpillars.

Notes: Responds to pruning.