



Themeda triandra

Kangaroo Grass



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Adult
Ringed
Xenica

(Grund, R, Butterfly Conservation SA)

Form: *Sedge or Flax* **Height:** 0.9 – 1 m **Spread:** 0.8 – 1 m **Flowers:** Brown **Type:** Grass panicle **Flowering time:** Spring, Summer

Ecological functions:  **Soils:** sand, clay, loam or rock; acidic, alkaline or neutral **Germination rate:** 2 to 14 weeks

Seed collecting: wait for seeds to mature and fall. Collect seeds on the ground using thick gloves.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: spread or broadcast seeds over area in mid to late Summer. In the presence of moisture, seed will dig itself into the soil and remain covered. Seed will germinate when temperature is warm in Spring. Avoid nutrient rich sites when sowing seeds.

Position: full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: highly ornamental, perennial grass for mixed native landscapes, parks and reserves. Provides food and habitat for native birds, butterflies and caterpillars. Habitat refuge for lizards. Food host to Ringed Xenica (*Geitoneura acantha ocrea*) caterpillars.

Notes: requires well-drained soils. Fire retardant as per SA Country Fire Service.