


# *Poa labillardieri*

## Common Tussock-grass



(Greig, D, Australian Plant Image Index) (Allison, L, Flora of Westgate Park) (Grund, R, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Form:** *Sedge or Flax*   **Height:** *0.5 – 1.3 m*   **Spread:** *0.3 – 0.7 m*   **Flowers:** *Green*   **Type:** *Spikes*   **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:**  **Soils:** *sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*   **Germination rate:** *2 to 4 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** place the drying seed inflorescence into a container and shake. Seeds and flower parts will fall out. Keep dry, use all these contents as your seed mix.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seeds over seed tray or broadcast over larger area, rake over and check that soil is lightly tilled. Press seeds in and keep moist. This species can also be propagated by division. Sow from Autumn.

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

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** an ornamental tufting perennial. Food source and habitat for small birds and lizards. Food host to White-banded Grass-dart (*Taractrocerca papyria papyria*) caterpillars.

**Note:** rejuvenate by trimming to just above ground level during late Winter and early Spring.