

# Stemodia florulenta

## Blue Rod



(Seeds of South Australia)

**Form:** *Low shrub*



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**Height:** 0.4 – 0.5 m    **Spread:** 0.4 – 0.5 m



(Murfet, D, iNaturalist Australia)

**Flowers:** *Blue*



(Grund, R, Butterfly Conservation SA)

**Type:** *Raceme*

**Flowering time:** *Spring*

Adult  
Rayed  
Blue

**Ecological functions:**



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

**Germination rate:** *2 to 4 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** collect seeds from brown, mature fruits on plant.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seeds on top of damp soil, cover with soil or fine gravel.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** small native shrub, produces bright blue flowers in Spring. Faintly scented and attracts butterflies. Food host to Rayed Blue (*Candalides heathi heathi*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** some individuals produce both blue and white flowers.