

# *Westringia rigida*

## Stiff Westringia



(Beadell, A, Seeds of South Australia)



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Upperside (top)  
and underside  
(bottom) of an  
adult Rayed  
Blue

**Form:** *Low shrub*    **Height:** *0.3 – 0.5 m*    **Spread:** *0.3 – 0.5 m*    **Flowers:** *White*    **Type:** *Fan-shaped*    **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** *sand or loam; alkaline*

**Germination rate:** *3 to 10 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** place muslin type bags over fruiting branches and tie on firmly to catch falling seeds. Alternatively, cut off maturing fruits, dry out fully. Screen out seeds and store until required.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seeds over a sandy propagating mix. Cover lightly with fine gravel. Keep moist and place in warm, sunny area. Sow in Spring or Autumn.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** an ornamental feature plant in native landscapes or as background plants in larger mixed plantings. Can be used as a screen, barrier or informal hedge. Suitable for areas of low maintenance and traffic due to its prickly foliage. Food host to Rayed Blue (*Candalides heathi heathi*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** also grow from cuttings.