

**Asphodelus fistulosus*

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Flowering period: June–October.**Description:** Annual or biennial herb to 40 cm high. Leaves fleshy, linear, 4–8 mm wide, 15–25 cm long, arising from a compact underground stem base. Flowers distinctively white with brown or purplish stripes, numerous on erect stems to 40 cm. Fruit globular, brown, splitting to release numerous small black and highly germinable seeds. Grows in a wide variety of soils from sand to clay and now widely established in coastal areas.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects.**Distribution:** Throughout southern Western Australia and particularly common in coastal agricultural areas over limestone.**Control:** By spot application of herbicide or by careful removal of the plant. Seedlings may regenerate where the parent plant has been removed so follow-up inspection and control measures are important to ensure eradication.**Notes:** A highly troublesome weed native to southern Europe and India that has high seeding rates leading to rapid establishment of plants. The underground stem provides perennation buds that enable the plant to rapidly regenerate in response to rainfall events. The high production of readily germinable seeds enables rapid spread into dune restoration programs with the species favouring road verges, pathways and other disturbed sites.

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