

Spinifex × *alternifolius*

Nees

Flowering period: August–December.

Description: Rhizomatous, tussock-forming perennial that can form dense stands 0.3–1.2 m high often spreading over several metres, particularly when exposed to sand drifts. Leaf blades thick, 3–7 mm broad, hairy on undersurface almost hairless above with blades thinner in drier situations.

Pollination: Wind pollinated.

Distribution: Found from City Beach to Bunbury.

Propagation: Propagated from cuttings.

Uses in restoration: Not known in restoration although a related species, *S. sericeus*, was introduced to parts of City Beach to help with sand stabilisation.

Notes: A stabilised hybrid between *S. hirsutus* and *S. longifolius* and, though growing both in near-frontal dunes and secondary dunes, the plants are distinguished from *S. longifolius* by the pale colour to the plants due to silver hairs on the undersurface, intermediate stature and growth habit.



Habit



Flower head, possibly an aborted female (dry)



Plant



Distribution