

## Knotted Club Rush *Ficinia nodosa*



# NATIVE PLANT NOTES

### Description

This is a fast-growing plant and it can establish itself throughout your garden as it is a prolific seeder. Growing to a height of 1 m and spreading to 0.8 m, there are various forms of this species with some being more upright than others. It has fine, bright green rush-like foliage.

### Flowers

The flowers themselves are insignificant but this monocotyledon forms attractive globular seed heads 1.5 cm across towards the tips of the foliage. Flowering occurs mid-spring to early summer.

### Growing conditions

This adaptable rush will tolerate damp feet, but does grow successfully in all soil types, especially for situations that have coastal influences. Plant in autumn and winter months in a sunny or partly-shaded position.

### Watering

Once established, this species is drought tolerant. If necessary during long periods of hot weather it may be watered up to twice a week using sub-surface irrigation. Open mulch will help to conserve moisture.

### Pruning

To maintain vigour and a healthy appearance prune back to ground level whenever the plant becomes overgrown or loses its shape and form.

### Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at time of planting and after pruning.

### Pests and diseases

This hardy plant has no known pests and diseases (except kangaroos and rabbits).

### Miscellaneous

It is excellent around water features and also suitable for mass plantings. Grow in full sun or as an under-storey. For any problem spots in your garden where nothing seems to grow or to restrict access to parts of your property, this plant is worth a try as it is so hardy.



### Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.  
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