



SPECIES	<i>Gahnia aspera</i>
COMMON NAME	Saw sedge
ORIGIN	Northern Queensland to southern New South Wales
DESIGN USE	Decorative plant, edible



HEIGHT
0.15-0.80m

SPREAD
0.5m

HABIT
It is a clump-forming rhizomatous perennial plant with long sword-like pale-green leaves, growing from multiple fans at the base of the clump.

FORM
The flowering stems or culms are up to one metre long. Leaves are about 80 centimetres long, channelled and very rough on the underside. Erect perennial sedge.

FLOWERS
Flowers are cream and carried in dense terminal clusters. Spikelets in terminal clusters. The flowers are followed by nuts that are brownish red to bright shiny red. The nuts are an attractive feature of *Gahnia aspera*.

FLOWERING PERIOD
Spring and Summer

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES
Is a plant that tolerates semi-shade. The stiff foliage allows plants to survive most frosts

HORTICULTURE
Plants reach their full potential in moist soil.

REFERENCES
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