

plant type

- native rushes / strappy leaf plants
- wetland plants

water hardiness



Eleocharis sphacelata

tall spike rush

tough reed, great for ornamental pond/creek plantings



top ten

bush tucker

origin Australia wide

cultural notes full sun, boggy conditions, in water up to 30cm deep, long lived, very hardy

project type

urban and commercial residential wetland

maintenance No maintenance required. Dead leaves provide shelter for water birds

tolerates inundations and short dry periods

ecosystem type

wetland

flowering season spring to autumn

flower colour small cream to brown spike appear on tip of foliage

soil type and drainage

medium - loamy soils
heavy - clay soils
poor drainage

foliage colour mid to dark green, often reds at base of stems, smooth cylindrical shape with prominent mid ribs.

height up to 1m

water depth aquatic to 0.5m

plant spacing 30cm apart

recommended uses dam and river plantings which help stabilise water edge/banks. Also, an excellent ornamental plant for ponds which provides habitat for water birds