

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Knobby Club-sedge

Ficinia nodosa

FAST FACTS

Groundcover

Family:	Cyperaceae
	Sedge
Size:	70cm H x 70cm W
Position:	Full sun to shade
Soil:	Moist
Flowers:	Inconspicuous
Fruits:	Brown "clubs"
Care:	Low maintenance

Knobby Club-sedge (*Ficinia nodosa*), a clumping plant growing up to 70cm high and 70cm wide, is an Australian native plant from the Ballarat area. It is sometimes also known as Knobby Club-rush.

Location: Knobby Club-sedge can be planted in full sun or shade, preferably in moist soil, and looks good as a feature in a garden bed amongst other plants, or near water (maybe a pond or fountain) amongst a pebble mulch.

Flowers: The flowers are inconspicuous but it has attractive brown seed heads for most of the year.

Planting: It is quite a tough plant and will grow well in your garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase.

Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

Care: Knobby Club-sedge rarely needs pruning, however if some of the older leaves dry off and go brown, trim them off right down at ground level to keep the plant looking handsome.

Propagation: Large clumps can be divided into smaller pieces and replanted elsewhere in the garden.

Alternatively, collect some of the seed by removing the brown clubs and breaking them apart with your fingers. Distribute the seed evenly on moist soil and cover with a fine dusting of potting mix.