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n.

Any of various clump-forming, perennial Australian grasses, chiefly of the genus *Triodia*, growing in arid regions and having awl-shaped, pointed leaves.

[New Latin *Spīnifex*, former genus name : Latin *spīna*, thorn + Latin *-fex*; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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