

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Common Soap Aloe, Soap Aloe

Family

Asphodelaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, **mallee shrubland**, grassy areas, and moist sites. Coastal north from Jervis Bay. Rarely Western Slopes.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1.5 m high when in flower, usually suckering and forming dense clumps. Leaf margins with brown-tipped, often spiny, teeth. Leaves fleshy, in a basal **rosette**, 10–30 cm long, 50–120 mm wide, upper surface pale to darker green with white blotches; lower surface paler green without blotches. Flowers red to salmon-orange, tubular, the tube 25–45 mm long, with 6 lobes each 5–10 mm long. Flowers in 20–65-flowered clusters 5–10 cm long. Flowering: June–January. Seeds with one membranous **wing**.

Family was Aloeaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Aloe~maculata> (accessed 27 April 2021)

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