

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nowra



Top of flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Nowra

Common name

Parrot lily, Parrot Alstroemeria, Christmas lily, Inca lily

Family

Alstroemeriaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, **woodland**, shady sites, and along streams. Coastal north from the Nowra district.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1 m high, **rhizomatous**, and with numerous white fleshy roots. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, or in loose clusters, 3–10 cm long, 10–35 mm wide, soft-textured, surfaces often slightly **glaucous**, tips blunt or pointed. Flowers dark red below, pale yellowish green above, with green stripes and dark purplish blotches, with 6 '**petals**', each 40–70 mm long, overlapping to form a funnel or narrow tube. Flowers in few- to many-flowered clusters. Flowering: November–May.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Alstroemeria~psittacina> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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