

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, east of Wisemans Ferry



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Fruit and 'leaves'. Photographer SriMesh, Saskatchewan, Canada



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## Common name

Asparagus

## Family

Asparagaceae

## Where found

Disturbed sites and along streams. Mainly Sydney area and the ACT. Sporadic elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 1.5 m tall, stems arising annually from the rootstock. **Rhizomatous**. True leaves scale like, **subtending** the 'leaves'. 'Leaves' in clusters of 3-7, 0.5-3 cm long, 0.5-1 mm wide, **linear**, cylindrical, hairless. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers yellowish to pale green or greenish white, with 6 '**petals**' each 4-6 mm long, partially fused at the base. Flowers single. Flowers Spring to Summer. Fruit red, round, to 10 mm in diameter. Fruits most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Asparagus~officinalis> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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