

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Coffs Harbour



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## Common name

Christmas Bells

## Family

Blandfordiaceae

## Where found

Damp sandy and/or peaty soils. Ranges north from west of Wollongong. Sydney area and north.

## Notes

Tufted **perennial** herb. **Scape** to 1.75 m tall. Leaves crowded at the base of the stem, to about 70 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, flat, channelled, **keeled**, margins somewhat thickened, flat or more or less rolled upwards, and scalloped and rough. Flowers bell-shaped, usually 35–60 mm long, 25–40 mm in diameter, red to orange with 6 yellow lobes, or wholly yellow. **Anthers** 3–5 mm long. Flowers in loose clusters, mostly 2–20-flowered. Flowering: late spring to early summer.

Intermediates between *Blandfordia grandiflora* and *Blandfordia nobilis* occur where their ranges overlap.

Protected NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Blandfordia~grandiflora> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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