

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Wild Gladiolus

Family

Iridaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, gardens, roadsides, disturbed sites, coastal environs, near streams, and swamps. Mostly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1.4 m high, arising annually from underground '**bulbs**'. Produces **bulbils**. Flower stalks hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, mainly clustered close to the bases of the stems, 25–75 cm long, 5–20 mm wide, **linear** and sword-shaped, parallel-veined, basal **sheaths** deep purple. 1 or 2 small leaves higher up the stems. Flowers white to cream, often tinged or marked with pink, blue-green, green, or pale yellow, 50–145 mm long, with a funnel-shaped tube and 6 lobes. Flowers in 3–8-flowered clusters. Flowering: October–January

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gladiolus~undulatus> (accessed 28 September, 2021)

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