

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Seeding plants. Photographer Jackie Mles

## Common name

Ginger lily

## Family

Zingiberaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, grasslands, disturbed sites, wetlands, and near streams. Occasionally an **epiphyte** on trees. Coastal north of Bega. Ranges north from Barren Grounds Nature Reserve west of Kiama. Southern Highlands..

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 2.5 m high, growing annually from branched **rhizomes**. **Arils** on seeds fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 20-45 cm long, 100-150 mm wide, somewhat leathery, tips pointed; **ligule** broad and membranous. Flowers pleasantly scented, bright yellow, tubular, the tube about 50 mm long, with 3 narrow lobes 35-50 mm long. A fourth smaller spoon-shaped two-lobed petal-like structure, 25-30 mm long, 8-13 mm wide. A single **stamen**, the filament bright red. Flowers in many-flowered **spike**-like clusters 15-45 cm long. Flowering: mostly summer-autumn. Inner surface of the open seed case orange; seeds with a bright red **aril**.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hedychium~gardnerianum> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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