

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer EJ Toms, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, about 20km W of Bowen, QLD



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Base of plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, 15km NE of Tenterfield, NSW

Common name

Grass Lily

Family

Commelinaceae

Where found

Forest. North from east of Picton.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.6 m high. Leaves mostly basal, a few **alternating** up the stems, 5–30 cm long, 2–11 mm wide, usually rough and hairy, tips pointed, basal **sheath** short, sometimes purplish, fringed at the opening. Flowers blue to mauve or purplish, rarely white, with 3 '**petals**' each about 10 mm long, and 3 coloured '**sepals**' 6–8 mm long and much narrower. Flowers with 3 **stamens** that produce pollen and 3 stamens that do not produce pollen. **Stamen filaments bearded**. Flowers in a loose branched cluster 3–20 cm long, not enclosed in a **spathe**-like **bract**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Murdannia-graminea> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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