

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, roadside south of Eden



Seed case. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Melton, Vic



Open seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Geelong Botanic Gardens, Vic



Underground corm and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Melton Grasslands, Vic

Common name

Onion Grass, Guildford Grass

Family

Iridaceae

Where found

Woodland, grassy areas, roadsides, waste spaces, and wetlands. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb, arising annually from a swollen round underground stem (corm). Flower stalks 2–5, 0.03–0.12 m long, hairless. Leaves basal, 8–65 cm long, 0.5–3 mm wide, dumbbell- to cross-shaped in cross section, grooved, tough, fibrous, surfaces shiny, hairless, margins **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers tubular, the tube 2–4 mm long, yellow or orange, with 6 lobes, each 10–20 mm long, pale to bright pink or rosy purple, rarely white, with a yellow centre; the outer '**petals**' dark-striped or greenish outside. Flowers single. Flowering: August–November.

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

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