

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographer Arthur Chapman, street planting, Mapleton Qld



Fruit. Photographer Zoya Akulova, unknown place



Flowering plant. Photographer © Gilberto Ponce Tejada, Mexico

Common name

Strelitzia, Crane flower, Bird of paradise flower

Family

Strelitziaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Sydney area.

Notes

Introduced shrublike plant to 2 m tall. Leaves opposite each other, arranged in two ranks, making a fan-shaped **crown**. Leaves 25–70 cm long, 100–300 mm wide. Flowers with 3 brilliant orange petal-like **sepals** and three purplish-blue or white **petals**, 2 petals joined together to form an arrow-like structure with a central channel containing the **stamens** and **style**, the third (uppermost) much smaller. 4–6 flowers emerge one at a time from the stiff green and pink to orange boat-shaped **spathe** which is about 200 mm long. Seeds with an orange **aril**.

Wikipedia description: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strelitzia_reginae (accessed 3 May 2021)

Kewscience description: <http://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:798194-1> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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