

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, ACT



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Flowering plants. Photographer Jackie Miles

Common name

Narrow-leaved cumbungi, Cumbungi, Narrow-leaved bulrush, Bulrush,

Family

Typhaceae

Where found

Stream and lake margins, and aquatic. Reasonably salt-tolerant. Western Slopes, tablelands, ACT, and Sydney area. Rare elsewhere.

Notes

Grass-like **perennial** herb to 4 m tall. Stems cylindrical. Leaves in 2 rows, each to 200 cm long, 4-20 mm wide, hairless, green or yellowish green, with an open **sheath** at the base closely encircling the stem. Sheath not **auriculate** or only the top 1 or 2 leaves with distinctly auriculate **sheaths**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers cinnamon brown, in cylindrical spikes, the upper **spike** 150-350 mm long, 5-10 mm in diameter, of male flowers, and the lower spike usually 120-400 mm long, 5-20 mm in diameter, of female flowers. Male and female **spikes** separated by 5-50 mm. Individual flowers small, with 0 **petals**. Flowers spring-autumn.

Difficult to distinguish from *Typha orientalis*. Accurate differentiation between the two species requires microscopic examination of the female spike.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Always check native vegetation requirements before undertaking control of a weedy native plant.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Typha~domingensis> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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