

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Caloundra, Qld



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Common name

A grass-tree

Family

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Where found

Heath in periodically waterlogged sites in sand in coastal areas. North from the Sydney area.

Notes

Shrub-like **perennial** herb. Trunk absent, the stem branched below the ground. **Scape** below the **spike** 0.2–1.6 m long, 5–20 mm in diameter, flower spike 0.1–0.6 m long, 10–30 mm in diameter. Leaves basal, forming one to many **crowns**, each a stiff **erect** tuft. Leaves almost triangular in cross section, 1.9–3.5 mm wide, 1–1.5 mm thick, usually more or less blue-green, **glaucous**. Individual flowers with 6 '**petals**' in two rows, outer '**petals**' papery or more or less membranous, inner '**petals**' membranous. **Bracts** surrounding the flowers obscure or slightly prominent, pointed, and densely hairy. Bracts between the flowers blunt, and densely hairy with pale hairs. Flowering: August–October

Hybridises with *Xanthorrhoea glauca* subsp. *angustifolia*.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Xanthorrhoea~fulva> (accessed 12 February, 2021)

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