

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

A grass-tree

Family

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**. Coast and ranges north from the Sydney area.

Notes

Tree-like or **shrub**-like **perennial** herb, trunk absent or to 2 m high, **crowns** 1–4, each with **spreading** mature leaves; young leaves in a more or less **erect** tuft. Trunk with a pithy core surrounded by the flattened glossy bases of old leaves. **Scape** below the **spike** 1–2.1 m long, 10–16 mm in diameter, flower spike 0.5–1.2 m long, 21–33 mm in diameter. Leaves 2.4–5.7 mm wide, 0.7–1.7 mm thick, bright-green, not **glaucous**, narrowly diamond shaped to triangular in cross section. Individual flowers with 6 '**petals**' in two rows, outer '**petals**' papery or more or less membranous, inner '**petals**' membranous. **Bracts** surrounding the flowers obscure. Bracts between the flowers blunt to pointed, and hairless to fringed with hairs, sometimes hairy on the lower surface. Flowering: March–October.

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

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