

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and flower buds (subsp. *minor*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bouddi National Park near Gosford



Flower heads (subsp. *minor*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bouddi National Park near Gosford



Flowering plant (subsp. *minor*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bouddi National Park near Gosford



Plant (?subsp. *lutea*). Photographer Jackie Miles, Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden

Common name

A grass-tree

Family

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Where found

Heath and swamps, usually on poorly drained sites which are seasonally waterlogged.

subsp. *lutea*: Possibly south of Eden.

subsp. *minor*: Coast and ranges north from west of Wollongong.

Notes

Shrub-like **perennial** herb. Trunk absent. Stem branched the below ground, **crowns** many, each a more or less **erect** tuft. **Scape** below the **spike** 0.3–0.6 m long, 3–8 mm in diameter, often curved; flower spike 0.05–0.12 m long, 7–20 mm in diameter. Leaves 1.9–4 mm wide, 1–1.5 mm thick, green, not **glaucous**, triangular to concave 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 sometimes prominent for at least part of the spike, pointed to triangular, and the upper third hairless to sparsely fringed with hairs, basally almost hairless to densely hairy.

subsp. lutea: Inner '**petals**' yellow. Bracts between the flowers more or less pointed, and mediumly densely hairy on the margins.

subsp. minor: Inner '**petals**' white to cream. Bracts between the flowers more or less pointed, almost hairless to fringed with hairs.

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

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