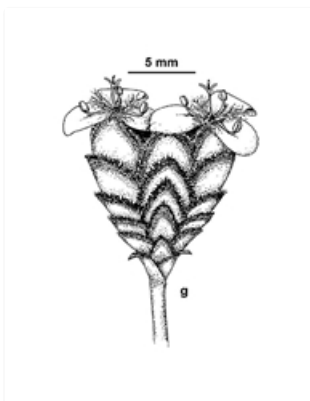


# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



Line drawing, g. inflorescence. R Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Tall Yellow-eye

## Family

Xyridaceae

## Where found

Damp or swampy areas, often in **heath**. Coast, ranges, and Southern Highlands, north from Ulladulla and south of Eden. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb. Flower stalks to 1 m long, flattened cylindrical to cylindrical. Leaves clustered at the base of the plant, 15–60 cm long, 0.5–1 mm in diameter, flattened cylindrical, sheathing base 5–11 cm long, red to reddish tawny brown or black, often shiny. Flowers yellow, with 3 **petals** each 5–9 mm long. Flower buds contained within a tight oval brownish **head** 6–13 mm long, 6–10 mm in diameter. Flowers opening one at a time from within the flower cluster, rarely 2 flowers open at the same time. Flowering: late spring to summer.

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

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