

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Narooma



Plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Apollo Bay, Vic

Common name

Arum Lily, White Arum Lily, Pig Lily, Calla Lily, Lily of the Nile, Egyptian Lily

Family

Araceae

Where found

Open **woodland**, damp pastures, neglected gardens, roadsides, waste areas, moist areas and marshy places. Coast and occasionally the ranges.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1.5 m tall, **evergreen**. Stem subterranean, a **rhizome**. Flowering stems and leaf stalks fleshy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, appearing basal, 13-60 cm long, 80-300 mm wide, leathery, glossy dark green, hairless to somewhat **glaucous**, margins **entire** but often wavy, bases **cordate** and tips pointed, or more or less arrow-shaped. Male and female flowers in the same **spike**, male flowers above the female flowers. Individual flowers small, with 0 **petals**. Spathe 10-26 cm long, white to cream, sometimes green in the upper third. Flower spike 5-10 cm long, yellow to orange. Fruit yellow to orange when ripe, the fruit cluster hidden in the remains of the **spathe** base. Flowers Winter to Spring. Poisonous.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Zantedeschia-aethiopica> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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