

Lateristachys lateralis

Family:

Lycopodiaceae

Botanical name

Lateristachys lateralis (R.Br.) Holub

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Common name:

Slender clubmoss

Description

Main stems to 20 cm or more long, rooting at intervals. Branchlet systems scattered or grouped, erect or sometimes lax, 8–50 cm long, unbranched or branched once or twice. Leaves densely spirally arranged, imbricate, spreading or recurved towards tips, linear-subulate to linear-lanceolate, 4–8 mm long, 0.5–0.7 mm wide, pale green to yellowish-green; bases decurrent. Strobili solitary, to 20 mm long. Sporophylls imbricate, ovate, acuminate, spreading at maturity, brown; margins lacerate to irregularly serrate.



Habit. © APII

Distribution

E Australia from Thornton Peak NE QLD to Vic. Also New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

Habit and habitat

Terrestrial in oligotrophic peaty wetlands. In NE QLD it occurs at high altitude.

Natural history

Rare in NE QLD and known from a few mountain peaks.

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