

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Sassafras



Seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Melbourne, Vic



open seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Clifton Springs, Vic



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Sassafras

Common name

Agapanthus, African lily, Lily of the Nile

Family

Alliaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** margins, urban **woodland**, old gardens, roadsides, other disturbed areas, and exposed sandstone cliff ledges. Spreads quickly down drainage lines. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands north from west of Jervis Bay.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 1.2 m tall, **rhizomatous**. Flower stalks cylindrical, hairless. Leaves basal, 20-80 cm long, 30-50 mm wide, glossy, relatively thick, somewhat fleshy or leathery, **veins** running lengthwise. Flowers about 40 mm long, tubular, with 6 blue to mauve, or occasionally white, '**petals**' each 40-45 mm long, fused at the base. Flowers in many-flowered clusters. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Family Amaryllidaceae in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Agapanthus~praecox+subsp.~orientalis> (accessed 2 January, 2021)

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