

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer RCH Shepherd, Melton Grasslands, Vic



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer Murray Fagg, W of Lockhart, NSW



Flower buds and spent flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer RG & FJ Richardson, Clifton Springs, Vic

## Common name

Century plant, American aloe

## Family

Asparagaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, pastures, grasslands, old habitations, roadsides, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb, 2–12 m tall when flowering, **rhizomatous**. Sometimes with a short woody stem. Leaf margins with spiny teeth, leaf tips with a sharp pointed spine. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 100-200 cm long, 150-250 mm wide, hairless, somewhat fleshy. Leaf-like **bracts alternating** up the flower stalks. Flowers 70-105 mm long, tubular, with 6 lobes, yellow or greenish yellow, in a many-flowered branched cluster. Flowering summer to autumn.

Family Agavaceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Agave~americana> (accessed 2 April 2021)

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