

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Ian Sutton, Blue Mountains



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Christmas Bells

## Family

Blandfordiaceae

## Where found

Damp shallow sandy and peaty soils, often on sandstone cliff margins. Mainly Blue Mountains. Occasionally coast and ranges north from near Robertson.

## Notes

Tufted **perennial** herb. **Scape** to 0.8 m long. Leaves crowded at the base of the stem, to about 100 cm long, mostly 4–12 mm wide, flat with **veins** and the **midrib** slightly raised, margins more or less translucent, slightly rolled down, and smooth. Flowers usually 30–60 mm long, bell-shaped, 18–30 mm in diameter, red with 6 yellow lobes. **Anthers** 4–5 mm long. Flowers in tight clusters of 7–30 flowers. Flowering: summer.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Blandfordia~cunninghamii> (accessed 5 January, 2021)

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