

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and early pods. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A McWhirter, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, unknown site

## Common name

Christmas Bells

## Family

Blandfordiaceae

## Where found

Sloping sandstone country and swampy areas. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands, north of Tabourie Lake.

## Notes

Tufted **perennial** herb. **Scape** to about 0.80 m high. Leaves crowded at the base of the stem, to 75 cm long, to 5 mm wide, channelled, **keeled**, margins straight and slightly thickened, and scalloped and rough, or smooth. Flowers usually 20–30 mm long, 5–10 mm in diameter, brownish red with 6 yellow lobes. Tube narrowed in the lower third, expanded and more or less cylindrical above. **Anthers** 2–2.8 mm long. Flowers in loose clusters, 3–20-flowered. Flowering: late spring to summer.

Intermediates between *Blandfordia grandiflora* and *Blandfordia nobilis* occur where their ranges overlap.

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

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