

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowers and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



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## Common name

Cabbage Tree, Ti kouka, New Zealand Cabbage-tree

## Family

Asparagaceae

## Where found

**Naturalised.** Mainly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

Palm-like **shrub** or tree to 12 m high or more. Fruit fleshy. Stems with horizonatal scars circling the stem when young. Leaves clustered at the top of the trunk, 30–100 cm long, 10–60 mm wide, many-nerved, the **midrib** slightly broader than the rest; stalks indistinct and only slightly narrower than the remainder of leaf. Flowers sweetly scented, with 6 white '**petals**', each 5–6 mm long, fused together at the base. Flowers in branched clusters 60–150 cm long. Fruit whitish, globular, about 4 mm in diameter.

Family Asteliaceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cordyline~australis> (accessed 18 April 2021)

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