

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay Territory



Fruit and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



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Common name

A Flax-lily

Family

Hemerocallidaceae

Where found

Coastal **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, and dunes. Often grows near the more robust, non-mat-forming *Dianella crinoides*.

Notes

Perennial herb to 1 m high, forming mats to 20 m diameter, **rhizomatous**, roots fibrous. Fruit fleshy, blue. Leaves arranged in two rows on opposite sides of the stem, to 45 cm long, 10–15 mm wide, basal **sheaths** folded together lengthwise, completely closed at the top. Flowers mid- to dark blue, with 6 '**petals**'. Outer '**petals**' 7.5–8.5 mm long, inner '**petals**' 6.5–7.5 mm long. **Anthers** yellow-brown. **Inflorescence** more or less within the foliage, the sub-clusters condensed, 2–8-flowered. Flowering: spring–summer. Fruit blue to purple, 6–12 mm long.

Family Phormiaceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Dianella-congesta> (accessed 26 April 2021)

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