

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Freesia

Family

Iridaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, **woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, footpaths, and gardens. Mainly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.4 m high; produced annually from an underground '**bulb**'. Leaves basal, 8–30 cm long, 5–10 mm wide, **erect, linear**, sword-shaped. Flowering stem **wiry**, hairless, bent horizontally just below the flowers, the flowers themselves erect, and on one side of the stem. Flowers sweetly-scented, white to cream with yellow markings, or yellow or pinkish to red, often shaded purple on the outside of the tube. Flowers 30–55 mm long, tubular, with 6 lobes 10–20 mm long. Flower **spike** 3–9-flowered. Flowers Aug.–Oct.

Freesia hybrid in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (as **Freesia hybrid**): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Freesia~hybrid> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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