

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower (var. *hygrometrica*). Photographer Max Campbell, Brogo



Flower (var. *villosisepala*). Photographer Michael Sim, Canberra, ACT



Back of flower (var. *villosisepala*). Photographer Michael Sim, Canberra, ACT



Flowering plant (var. *hygrometrica*). Photographer Don Wood, north of Bodalla

Common name

Golden Weather Grass, Golden Star

Family

Hypoxidaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, grassy areas, and swampy areas. Widespread.

var. *hygrometrica*: Widespread.

var. *splendida*: Kosciuszko National Park. Tablelands and the western edge of the ranges south of Braidwood.

var. *villosisepala*: Mostly in the Sydney area and ACT. Sometimes elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.25 m high, hairy to sparsely hairy. Leaves clustered at the base of the plant, 3-20 cm long, 0.5-4 mm wide, flat or folded, sparsely hairy, tapering to a fine tip, the basal **sheaths** often persisting as a papery or fibrous tunic around the fleshy, swollen, underground, stem base. Flowers bright yellow, with 6 '**petals**' 6-15 mm long, hairless to to moderately hairy outside, **stamens** 3-7 mm long, with **filaments** alternately long and short. 1-6 flower stems per plant, in clusters of 1-2. Flowers spring-autumn.

var. *hygrometrica*: Leaves usually 4-20 cm long, 0.5-1.5 mm wide. '**petals**' 6-11 mm long, hairless or almost hairless on the outer surface. **Anthers** usually A shaped, attached at the middle with the bottom ends free and joined at the top. Flowers usually single, sometimes in clusters of 1-3.

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var. *splendida*: Leaves 3-18 cm long, 1.2-4 mm wide. '**petals**' 8-12 mm long, hairless or almost hairless on the outer surface. Anthers attached at the base and **erect**, shortly forked at the top. Flowers usually single, sometimes in clusters of 1-3.

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var. villosisepala: Leaves 6.5–20 cm long, 0.5–4 mm wide. 'petals' 7–15 mm long, at least the outer 'petals' sparsely to moderately hairy on the outer surface. Anthers usually H shaped, attached at the middle with both ends free. Flowers in clusters of 2-6.

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PlantNET description of species and key to varieties: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Hypoxis-hygrometrica> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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