

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Tufted Mat-rush

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north of Nowra.

Notes

Perennial herb forming tussocks to 20 cm diameter. Leaves basal, 5–30 cm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, hairless, concavo-convex in cross section, margins rolled upwards, bases purplish above the whitish, **lacerated** leaf **sheath** margins. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 6 yellow '**petals**'. Male flowers globular, about 2 mm long; outer '**petals**' broad-elliptic to more or less round, shorter and more membranous than the thick inner '**petals**'. Female flowers more tubular, about 3 mm long. Inflorescence with the flowers well-spaced. Male **inflorescence** about 10–15 cm long, unbranched or with a few short branches. Female inflorescence about 5 cm long, unbranched. Flowering: spring and autumn.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description with line drawings and photo of dried specimen: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lomandra~brevis> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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