

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, west of Nowra.

Common name

Needle Mat-rush

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Sparsely tufted **perennial** herb, often with only 2–4 leaves. Leaves basal, cylindrical or flattened cylindrical, usually about 25–35 mm long (rarely less), usually 1–2 mm in diameter, tips pointed. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths** scarcely **lacerated**, reddish or purplish. 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 circular, shorter and more membranous than the thick inner 'petals'. Female flowers more tubular, about 3 mm long. Male **inflorescence** a third to half or rarely a quarter or nearly as long as the leaves, unbranched or occasionally few-branched; axis of the inflorescence below the flowers approximately as long as the inflorescence. Flowers separate, well spaced. Female inflorescence similar but shorter, rarely branched. **Bracts** below the individual flower clusters 1-2 mm long.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lomandra~cylindrica> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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