

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Scented Mat-rush

## Family

Asparagaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, mallee**, rocky sites, and saline moist areas. Western Slopes.

## Notes

Grass like **perennial** herb to 0.8 m tall. Leaves with 2 sharp teeth at the tip. Leaves basal, 10-80 cm long, 1.3-3 mm wide, flat, **glaucous**, hairless, red-brown basally; with 2 sharp teeth at the tip. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths lacerated**, brown. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers white, pink, or mauve, fragrant, with a funnel-shaped tube and 6 '**petals**'. Male flowers 4-7 mm long, with narrow '**petals**', female flowers similar, with broad '**petals**'. Male and female **inflorescences** similar, much-branched, 3-15 cm long. Flower clusters hidden among the leaf bases. Flowering: following rain.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

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

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