

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plants with male flowers. Photographer Don Wood, Nadgee Nature Reserve, south of Eden



Leaves. Photographer Russell Best, near Mallacoota, Vic

## Common name

Pale mat-rush, Blue mat-rush

## Family

Asparagaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and rocky sites. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and the Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

Sprawling tufted **perennial** grass-like herb to 0.3 m tall, sometimes loosely mat-forming. Stemless. Leaves basal, usually 8-30 cm long, 0.8-1.5 mm wide, flat or slightly concave in cross section, usually distinctly **glaucous**, tips pointed to rounded. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths** (at least of non-flowering shoots) abruptly narrowed at the top, readily **lacerated**, lattice-like, white or pale brown. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 6 '**petals**', male flowers about 2 mm long, female flowers about 3 mm long. Flowers yellow, often flushed with purple, **bracts** golden brown. Male **inflorescence** (illustrated) 50-150 mm long, axis of the inflorescence below the flowers usually not exposed above the leaf bases, rarely exposed up to 2.5 cm; the inflorescence branched or unbranched. Female inflorescence globular, to 15 mm in diameter, axis of the inflorescence below the flowers concealed or exposed for up to 2.5 cm. Bracts below the individual flower clusters pale golden brown, obscured by the flowers. Flowers Spring.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

Data deficient Vic.

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

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