

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower heads and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Carnarvon National Park, Qld



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Carnarvon National Park, Qld

Common name

Woolly Mat-rush, Irongrass

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and under **mallee**. West of Cowra.

Notes

Grass like **perennial** herb, **rhizomes ascending**. Flower stem hairy with minute hairs. Leaves basal, 20-60 cm long, usually 1-2 mm wide, flat, with white hairs near the base and along the margins. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths** white, readily lacerating into abundant loose **silky** or **woolly**, fragments. Male and female flowers on different plants. Fragrant flowers. Flowers white to cream, with 6 '**petals**' (only 3 obvious), to 7 mm long. Inflorescence spherical or oval, 10-20 mm long. Male **inflorescence** usually with 1, 2 or 3 **segments**, female inflorescence usually not segmented, globular. Flowering: chiefly July–Sept.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

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

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