

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Bomaderry Creek Regional Reserve near Nowra



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Common name

Small-flowered mat-rush

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and **heath**. Widespread. No records from the ACT or the Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb. Leaves basal, 20–70 cm long, 0.8–5 mm wide, flexible or stiff and **erect**, plano-convex in cross section, or flat in cross section and the margins rolled upwards, or folded, surfaces often **glaucous**, tips broadly pointed or blunt. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths** usually intact, occasionally slightly torn, with purplish brown to black margins. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 6 '**petals**', greenish yellow to dark red, usually with pale margins. Male flowers 1.5–3 mm long, female flowers 3–5.5 mm long. **Inflorescence** a third to half as long as the leaves, the axis below the flowers hidden or, in the more easterly populations, half as long as the leaves to longer than the leaves and the axis exposed and conspicuously covered with wart-like projections. Male inflorescence 100–430 mm long, female 70–180 mm long. **Bracts** 1–3 mm long. Flowering: autumn–spring.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

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

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