

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Male flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway north of Conjola



Female flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Jervis Bay, NSW



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Mt Taylor, Canberra

Common name

Many-flowered mat-rush

Family

Asparagaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, and **grassland.** Widespread.

Notes

Tufted **perennial** herb, slender to robust. Flower stalks cylindrical or slightly angular in cross section. Leaves basal, flat or slightly concavo-convex in cross section, occasionally plano-convex in cross section, rarely cylindrical, 25–90 cm long, 1.5–5 mm wide, green, greyish green, or rarely **glaucous**, smooth or rough on the lower surface, tips pointed or rounded. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths entire** or with little laceration, white, purplish or brown. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 6 '**petals**', inner '**petals**' yellow, outer '**petals**' often coloured reddish brown. Male flowers 2.5–3.5 mm long, female flowers about 4.5 mm long. Male **inflorescence** 1- or 2-branched or rarely unbranched; axis of the inflorescence below the flowers shorter than the inflorescence, individual flower clusters **whorled**. Female inflorescence similar, usually unbranched. **Bracts** below the flower clusters usually not noticeable, occasionally longer to much longer than the flowers, sharp-pointed. Flowering: May–Jan.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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