

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Queenscliff to Portarlington, Vic



Flowering stem with bulbils. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway west of Jervis Bay

## Common name

Bulbil Watsonia

## Family

Iridaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, grassland**, pastures, roadsides, gardens, disturbed sites, waste areas, coastal environs, and waterways. Mainly coastal.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 2.5 m high, dying back each year and shooting from underground storage organs. **Bulbils** produced at the upper stem joints. Leaves mostly basal, a few smaller leaves **alternating** up the stem, 20–110 cm long, 10–50 mm wide, basal leaves sword-shaped, **midvein** prominent. Flowers orange to red, rarely pink or purple; 50–80 mm long, 30–40 mm in diameter, tubular, with 6 **spreading** lobes. Flowers in elongated clusters 20–40 cm long with widely spaced flowers. Flowers Spring to Summer. Seeds not produced.

Noxious weed Vic.

Was *Watsonia meriana* cv. *Bulbillifera*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Watsonia~meriana> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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