

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Nadgigomar north of Braidwood.



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Boyne State Forest north of Batemans Bay

Common name

A Grass-tree

Family

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **heath**, often in seasonally waterlogged sites. Mainly coastal.

Notes

Shrub-like **perennial** herb. Trunk absent. **Scape** below the **spike** 0.5–2.5 m long, about 10 mm in diameter; flower spike 0.5–0.9 m long, 15–30 mm in diameter. Leaves basal, forming a **spreading** to almost **erect** tuft. Leaves 3–6 mm wide, 1.5–2 mm thick, blue-green, **glaucous**, almost a wide triangle in cross section, the long side almost flat or concave. Individual flowers with 6 '**petals**' in two rows, outer '**petals**' papery or more or less membranous, inner '**petals**' membranous. The whole spike light brown when flowering. **Bracts** surrounding the flowers obscure. Bracts between the flowers densely hairy with pale hairs, appearing **velvety**. Flowering: October–December

Protected NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Xanthorrhoea-concava> (accessed 12 February, 2021)

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