

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

A grass-tree

Family

Xanthorrhoeaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast and ranges north from Stanwell Park north of Wollongong..

Notes

Shrub-like **perennial** herb. Trunk absent. Stem sometimes branched below the ground; **crowns** 1-many, in a loosely upright or bent down tuft. **Scape** below the **spike** 1–1.6 m long, 0.4–0.5 cm diameter; flower spike 0.05–0.13 m long, 14–20 mm in diameter. Leaves basal, usually 2.3–3.5 mm wide, 1.2–1.8 mm thick, light to dark green, not **glaucous**, almost oval to triangular or concave in cross section. Individual flowers cream to yellow, with 6 '**petals**' in two rows, outer '**petals**' papery or more or less membranous, inner '**petals**' membranous. **Bracts** surrounding the flowers obscure. Bracts between the flowers pointed, and hairless. Flowering: July–January

Protected NSW.

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

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