

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Darwin, NT



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kakadu National Park, NT



Leaves and base of plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer EJ Toms, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld

Common name

A yellow-eye

Family

Xyridaceae

Where found

Damp or swampy areas, often in **heath**. Coast and ranges north of Jamberoo Lookout west of Kiama.

Notes

Perennial herb. Flower stalks to 0.6 m long, flat to flattened cylindrical, with 2–4 prominent raised ribs, the ribs covered with minute warts. Leaves clustered at the base of the plant, 3.5–30 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, flat, often twisted; leaf margins pale, warty, sheathing base 1–3 cm long, brown or reddish brown, not shiny. Flowers yellow, with 3 **petals** each 5–9 mm long. Flower buds contained within a tight oval to oval brownish **head** 5–25 mm long, 3–10 mm in diameter. Flowers opening one at a time from within the flower cluster, rarely 2 flowers open at the same time. Flowering: spring to summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Xyris~complanata> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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