**Aneilema siliculosum** R.Br.

**Family:** Commelinaceae


**Stem**

An erect to scandent fleshy herb up to 30 cm tall with fleshy tuberous roots.

**Leaves**

Leaf blades variable in size, 25-120 x 8-25 mm, sessile, the base of the leaf blade ('petiole') clasping the stem. Upper surface of the leaf blade clothed in hairs so that it feels rough to the touch, lower surface glabrous.

**Flowers**

Inflorescence a slender panicle 10-20 cm long with slender filiform branches. Flower bracts cup-shaped around inflorescence stem. 2-3 flowers per branch, pedicels filiform. Bracts very small. Outer perianth segments 2-3 mm long, inner 2 mm long. Petals thinly textured. Filaments glabrous, fertile stamens 3, staminodes 3. Ovary 2-loculed with 1 ovule in each.

**Fruit**

Capsule very obtuse, longer than the perianth. Seeds oblong with radial ridges.

**Seedlings**

Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**

Occurs in the NT, CYP and NEQ. Altitudinal range 4-880 m. Occurs in monsoon forest, mixed forest, open Eucalypt and Melaleuca forest, vine thicket but also in Eucalypt woodland and dune vegetation.

**Natural History & Notes**

Plants are prone to be heavily grazed (Clarkson 5789).

**RFK Code**

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