

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway north of Tuross River



Female flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Princes Highway north of Tuross River



Flowering plants. Photographer Toy Rodd, Blue Mountains National Park

## Common name

A Mat-rush

## Family

Asparagaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, and rocky slopes. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north of Dalmeny.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, sprawling to **scrambling**. Leaf tips almost sharp. Leaves basal, 2–4 cm long, 1–2 mm wide, nearly flat or with the margins curved down, commonly twisted, surfaces green or **glaucous**. Margins of the basal leaf **sheaths** lobed at the top at least when young, intact, white. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers with 6 '**petals**', yellow flushed with purple. Male flowers about 2 mm long. Female flowers about 3 mm long. Male **inflorescence** with a short axis below the flowers, or hidden among the leaf bases; inflorescence about 20–100 mm long, shorter to longer than the leaves, usually with a few branches. Female inflorescence globular, about 5–8 mm in diameter; axis of the inflorescence below the flowers absent or up to about 30 mm long. **Bracts** below the flower clusters thin, pale golden brown, obscured by the flowers. Flowering: spring.

Family Lomandraceae in PlantNET.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lomandra-obliqua> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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