

plant type

- native rushes / strappy leaf plants

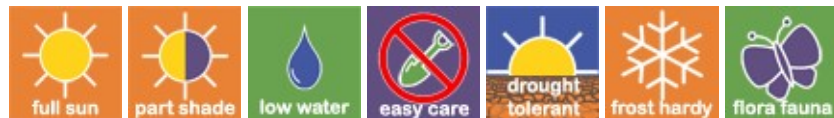
water hardiness



Lomandra longifolia

spiny headed mat rush, honey reed, basket grass

large perennial tussock grass with strong architectural shape forms dense tussocks of stiff, long flat leaves



top ten

- bird attracting
- bog gardens
- butterfly attracting
- clay soils
- coastal gardens
- drought tolerant
- frost tolerant
- shady gardens
- verge planting

project type

- urban and commercial
- residential
- erosion control
- horticultural production

ecosystem type

- coastal
- coastal hinterland
- woodland
- riparian

soil type and drainage

- light - sandy soils
- medium - loamy soils
- heavy - clay soils
- good drainage
- reasonable drainage

origin

nsw, victoria, q'ld, wa, sa & tasmania

cultural notes

fast growing, very hardy and long lived. Will grow in full sun or part shade in most soil conditions.

maintenance

may be pruned to remove thatch and promote new growth

tolerates

high drought tolerance & frost hardy, damp conditions to occasional flooding

flowering season

spring through to summer

flower colour

small clusters of cream to yellow perfumed bracts on flower spikes. The heavily scented nectar on flowers can attract pollinating beetles.

foliage colour

tough narrow arching glossy green strap-like flat leaves 40-100cm long which grow from an underground stem and are usually taller than the flowering stem. The leaf bases are broad and their tips are prominently toothed.

height

up to 0.8m

plant spacing

30cm apart for mass planting or 50cm apart for specimen planting

recommended uses

specimen or mass planting, rockeries, container plant including for indoors, used in median strip and roadside planting, filler and background plant in home gardens, the leaves provide a safe habitat for lizards and other small animals.