

Lomandra longifolia

(Xanthorrhoeaceae)

- Common name:** Long-leaved matrush.
- Localities:** Bellbowrie Bridge, Grandview Rd, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Rafting Ground, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** Herbaceous plant forming tufted clumps.
- Foliage:** Leaves are erect and grass-like, up to 100 cm long, about 1 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Male and female inflorescences are produced; these are superficially similar and are shorter than the leaves. The inflorescences bear short branches with clusters of small, pleasantly scented flowers with yellowish petals, appearing from spring to summer.
- Habitat:** A common plant in dry rainforest, particularly along creek margins.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by seed or dividing old clumps. Once established, it is hardy, tolerating infertile soils and full sun, but it benefits from ample moisture.
- General:** A useful species for stabilising creek banks and preventing erosion. Other species in the genus occur in the district in drier situations. Mat rush leaves were used by Aborigines for making bags.

