

River Mat-rush



FAMILY: Laxmanniaceae
prev Xanthorrhoeaceae

HABIT: Tussock to 1m

LEAVES: Long, simple, strappy to 1m with 2-3 teeth towards the apex. The middle tooth is usually dominant.

FLOWER/FRUITS: Separate male and female plants. The perfumed, cream flowers, 3-5mm in diameter are borne on auxiliary 'spikes'.

The fruit are three valved capsules surrounded by sharp pointed bracts, and contain 1-3 white 'rice-like' seeds.

PROPAGATION: The seeds need to be removed from the capsules before propagation.

LOCAL HABITAT: Riparian

DISTRIBUTION: Cooktown to Taree, New South Wales.



GENERAL: Very similar to *Lomandra longifolia* which is used extensively in horticulture. Likes a moist, protected area of the garden. Useful plants to help prevent water erosion.

References: Cooper & Cooper, 2004 Fruits of the Australian Tropical Rainforest.