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<b>SPECIES</b>	Lomandra hystrix 'Tropic Belle'
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Tropic Belle Mat Rush
<b>ORIGIN</b>	Australia
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	For mass and specimen planting, edge of water courses and as indoor plant



**HEIGHT**  
600-900mm

**SPREAD**  
600-700mm

**HABIT**  
An improved, smaller, uniform, compact form of the common Lomandra hystrix.

**FORM**  
A clump forming grass-like plant that grows with a somewhat rounded form with arching strap-like, yellow green coloured leaves.

**FLOWERS**  
Cream coloured male flowers held within the foliage. Compared to the female flower the male is softer and has less spikes.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**  
Spring and Summer

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**  
It is the best Lomandra species for coping with wet feet, over irrigated areas, hot, humid and dry conditions. It tolerates windy and salt laden windy positions. In inland climates it will thrive in summer heat and winter cold to -5c and looks best when it is protected from heavy frosts that may burn.

**HORTICULTURE**  
Tropic Belle is suited to moist soils, but can tolerate dry conditions. It grows well in part shade and will tolerate full sun and moderate-high frosts. Water as required to keep the plant healthy for the first weeks.

**REFERENCES**  
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