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SPECIES	Lomandra hystrix
COMMON NAME	Slender Mat Rush, Green Mat Rush
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Around water features and dams, for revegetation and erosion control



HEIGHT

1-1.5m

SPREAD

1-1.5m

HABIT

A robust mat rush found near or in creeks on sandy soils and river stones. The tough, leathery leaves are flat in shape and are evergreen.



FORM

Tufted hardy plant with arching strap-like leaves.

FLOWERS

Flowers are in branched inflorescences and the cluster bracts are spiny. Flowers grow along the branchlets of the inflorescence, yellow or cream

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring and summer

FRUIT

Seed germinates readily after two months if kept moist and continues sprouting for up to four months.

VARIATIONS

“Tropic Belles” (compact form)

“Katie Belles” (large full sized Hystix, with prolific big yellow flowers)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It needs a sheltered coastal aspect with protection from sea winds and is tolerant of high humidity. It will grow inland in frost free micro climates, it can handle cold to -1c and very light frost.

HORTICULTURE

Hystrix is suited to wet soils requiring ample moisture. It prefers part shade though will tolerate full sun and is low maintenance.

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