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**SPECIES**

*Lomandra multiflora*

**COMMON NAME**

Many-flowered Mat-rush

**ORIGIN**

Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

**DESIGN USE**

Ideal feature in a rockery or as a foreground plant in a bush garden



**HEIGHT**

0.3m

**SPREAD**

0.2m

**HABIT**

*Lomandra multiflora* is a small grass-like plant with stiff grey-green leaves from 250 - 850 mm high.

**FLOWERS**

The creamy, yellow flowers occur in clusters around the base of the leaves during spring. Unisexual, on separate male and female plants (dioecious) September to November.

**FRUIT**

Capsule, September to February.

**VARIATIONS**

*L.multiflora* subsp.*multiflora* occurs in southern Papua New Guinea, the north-eastern tip of the Northern Territory and then from Cape York in a continuous distribution, coast to tablelands, to west of Melbourne to about the Grampians.

*L.multiflora* subsp.*dura* differs in the flowers being more or less hidden in hard bracts. This subspecies is restricted to South Australia in the southern Flinders, Mt.Lofty Ranges, Yorke and Fleurieu Peninsulas.

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

Plants should succeed in moist, well drained soils in a range of climates. However, given the wide distribution of the species it would be wise to select propagating material from plants growing in a similar climate to that where it is to be cultivated. Plants should be grown in full sun or partial shade.

**HORTICULTURE**

Propagation is reported to be reasonably easy from seed. Established plants could probably also be propagated by division.

**REFERENCES**

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