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<b>SPECIES</b>	Lomandra longifolia
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Spiny-headed-Mat-Rush, Basket Grass
<b>ORIGIN</b>	Native Australia
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	Ornamental grass in native and rock gardens



#### HEIGHT

0.4–1m

#### SPREAD

0.5m

#### HABIT

It can grow in a range of sandy soils, in swamps and wet places to the montane zone on banks of creeks, rocky hillsides, cliffs and open forests. Its extremely versatile and a hardy plant that will grow almost anywhere.

#### FORM

Leaves are glossy green, shiny, firm, flat. The inflorescence is usually a panicle of clusters of sessile flowers. Each cluster has a sharp, slender, straw-colored bract at its base, which gives it a dense spike-like structure

#### FLOWERS

Flowers are scented and dioecious, with the female flower often a little bit longer or larger than the male flower. The heavy-smelling nectar on flowers can attract pollinating beetles.

#### FLOWERING PERIOD

Late Winter to early Spring

#### VARIATIONS

- “Katrinus Deluxe PBR”
- “Nyalla PBR”
- “Tanika PBR”

#### CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Drought-tolerant but also can tolerate occasional flooding and withstand low temperature down to -7°C. However, the plant can die back when it is in a wet winter nor does it survive well in areas with cooler summers.

#### HORTICULTURE

Moisture soil is required for growth of the plant, but it would not die out without watering. It can grow in semi-shaded area like light woodland or non-shaded area.

#### REFERENCES

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/interns-2007/lomandra-longifolia.html>

