

## Spiny-headed Mat-rush *Lomandra longifolia*

When to look:

*Flowers in warmer months (Sep - Feb)*

### Similar species:

*Lomandra hystrix* differs in leaf apex and contains paler flowers.

Native tussock-type grass

Leaves: glossy green, firm and flat. Long and thin - up to 1m long and roughly 1cm wide. Leaves are usually taller than the flowering stem. Leaf base is broad with brownish edges. Tips of leaves have teeth.



Flowers: grow in a whorled cluster. Individual flowers are roughly 4mm long, but the cluster and leaf grow to 50cm. Flower head is brown - during flowering petals are creamy yellow.

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