

Stylidiaceae
Stylidium graminifolium
 grass triggerplant



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ETYMOLOGY

(sty-LID-ium) Greek stylos = column referring to the small column-like trigger: The species graminifolium (gram-mee-nee-FO-lee-um) grass-like foliage.

LIFEFORM

Herb 30cm-1m x 30cm Spread

STATUS

Widespread throughout SE Qld region; Kangaroo Island SA; Rare in Victoria

OCCURS

Stanthorpe Qld to NSW, Grampians Vic, ACT, SA, Tas, NT

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Moreton, North Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Dry sclerophyll forest, Open eucalypt forest.

LEAVES

Basal, 5-40 cm x 15 mm, erect narrow, linear, channeled, tip pointed, longitudinal veins, hairless, green (darker above than below) with red markings near the base in dense tussock.

FLOWERS

Dark pink to magenta 3.6 cm on upright slender 75 cm spike with numerous small bright pink central column is triggered by touch leaving pollen on back of insects.

Flowering July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March

FRUIT

Capsules, 6-8 mm, oblong with smooth brownish seeds; **Fruiting** Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec

STEM

Perennial herb with basal rosettes; Slender erect stems grass-like leaves basally tufted.

LANDSCAPE USES

Makes attractive rockery specimen or interest container or pot; Fauna eat flower buds.

ID FEATURES

Basal rosettes + Leaves 5-25 cm x 2-6 mm, grassy linear, margins finely toothed/serrulate + Scape 20-70 cm