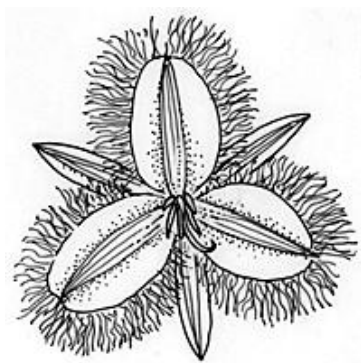


Laxmanniaceae
Thysanotus tuberosus
 tuber fringe-lily

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ETYMOLOGY

(thy-sa-NO-tus) Greek thysanos = fringed, tassel alluding to the fringed 3 inner perianth segments; The species tuberculum = swelling, referring to tubers (roots).

LIFEFORM

Herb 20-60 cm

STATUS

Widespread in Qld, NSW, Vic, SA

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Moreton, North Kennedy

OCCURS

Qld, NSW, Vic

HABITAT

Dry sclerophyll forest, woodland, Heath

LEAVES

Basal, 20-60 cm, linear, \pm needle-like, towards apex, becoming channelled below with narrow membranous wings at base

FLOWERS

Petals 3 mauve, Tepals 7-19 mm; outer tepals 1.5-2.5 mm wide; inner tepals 5-12 mm wide including fimbriae 4 mm Stamens 6; anthers twisted, outer 2.5-4.5 mm, inner 3-9 mm, dehiscing by terminal pores. Style 4-9 mm

Flowering times Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April

FRUIT

Capsules, 3-7 mm, globular fruit;

Fruiting times Nov

ROOTS

Tuberous roots which can be divided

STEM

Erect perennial lily with single upright wiry stalk.

ETHNOBOTANY

Fodder, leaves eaten by stock.

INDIGENOUS USES

Edible tuberous roots (which kills the plant);

ID FEATURE

Tepals usually 7.5-12 mm x 8 mm; Anthers deflexed and \pm parallel to perianth; outer 2.5-3 mm, straight; inner 3-5 mm long, straight to somewhat curved