

Updates to the New South Wales flora for 2023–2024

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Abstract

Forty-four new species were described and two new phrase-named entities were erected for taxa that occur in New South Wales. Thirty-three name changes are documented. Eight species, four native and four naturalised, are newly recorded. Thirty range extensions are noted.

Introduction

The flora of New South Wales is dynamic with changes and additions happening continually through specimens acquired via staff collecting activities, enquires sent to the Botanical Identification Service (BIS), and from the literature such as new species descriptions, other state flora censuses and the Australian Plant Census (APC). Published taxonomic and systematic studies on the Australian flora help to understand applications of names, changes in species circumscription, and new species.

These updates are usually regularly recorded within PlantNET (the electronic Flora of New South Wales). However, it is an arduous process for the users such as consultants and other herbaria, to search and update their own databases or lists.

It is planned that an annual update of new species, nomenclatural name changes, species added to, or removed from, the NSW flora (both native and introduced), and range extensions in the NSW Botanical Divisions and Subdivisions (Anderson 1961, 1968) will be published. The tables presented here are from data captured and taxonomic decisions made between June 2023 and December 2024. It is important to be aware that these updates cannot be definitive, but efforts have been made to capture as much of this data as possible. Some publications from recent years are absent from this list as the National Herbarium of New South Wales (NSW herbarium), via a Joint curation committee, examines these publications, assesses their taxonomic conclusions, and votes on whether to accept or reject the decisions progressively. The decisions for these absent publications are still pending and shall be listed in future flora census updates. Updates made prior to July 2023 are not listed in this document.

Forty-four new species were described for New South Wales and two new phrase-named (entities that are recognised as different from currently described taxa, but which have not been formally described) entities were erected, which are likely to be described at a later date (Table 1). Many of these new species resulted from contemporary research into *Pultenaea* (Barrett et al. 2024 a, b) and from the revision of *Xerochrysum* (Collins et al. 2022). The largest significant nomenclatural changes

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were a result of molecular studies within *Leptospermum* and its division into 5 genera, three of which occur in New South Wales (Wilson & Heslewood 2023; Table 2). Four native species were newly recorded for the state, all previously known from their neighbouring state close to the border, so it was not surprising that these were located within New South Wales (Table 3). Four new introduced and naturalised species were recorded: three are naturalisations from cultivated species, and one is a liverwort that was potentially introduced via soil on potted plants (Table 3).

Range extensions to additional botanical divisions of NSW have been documented for thirty species (Table 4).

The tables have species listed alphabetically by genus rather than by family. This is to assist those who may use a different classification system to that used by the NSW Herbarium. The families listed are ordered by the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG IV).

Table 1. New species described occurring in New South Wales.

Botanical Divisions: NC – North Coast; CC – Central Coast; SC – South Coast; NT – Northern Tablelands; CT – Central Tablelands; ST – Southern Tablelands; NWS – North Western Slopes; CWS – Central Western Slopes; SWS – South Western Slopes; NWP – North Western Plains; SWP – South Western Plains; NFWP – North Far Western Plains; SFWP – South Far Western Plains.

New species name	Previous Species name	Family	Reference	Botanical Division
<i>Arthropodium glareosorum</i> P.F.Horsfall & Jian Wang ter	<i>Arthropodium</i> sp. south-east Highlands (N.G. Walsh 811)	Asparagaceae	Horsfall & Wang (2024)	NC, CC, NT, CT, NWS, CWS
<i>Arthropodium morganiae</i> P.F.Horsfall & Jian Wang ter		Asparagaceae	Horsfall & Wang (2024)	NT, NWS
<i>Corybas</i> × <i>dowlingii</i> D.L.Jones		Orchidaceae	Jones (2004)	NC
<i>Eucalyptus cryptica</i> T.C.Wilson, S.Rutherf. & S.M.Douglas	<i>Eucalyptus</i> . sp. Cattai (Gregson s.n. 28 Aug 1954)	Myrtaceae	Wilson et al. (2023)	CC
<i>Genoplesium geminatum</i> M.A.M.Renner & Towle		Orchidaceae	Renner et al. (2022)	CC
<i>Hibbertia expansa</i> Toelken		Dilleniaceae	Toelken (2013)	NT
<i>Hibbertia rigens</i> Toelken		Dilleniaceae	Toelken (2024)	CC, NT, CT, NWS
<i>Lagenophora adenosa</i> Jian Wang ter & A.R.Bean		Asteraceae	Wang & Bean (2019)	NT, ST
<i>Lagenophora sublyrata</i> (Cass.) A.R.Bean & Jian Wang ter		Asteraceae	Wang & Bean (2019)	NC, CC, SC, CT
<i>Lasiopetalum prodigiosum</i> C.F.Wilkins, L.M.Copel. & K.A.Sheph.		Malvaceae	Wilkins et al. (2024)	NC, NT, CWS
<i>Leionema paulii</i> G.P.Phillips		Rutaceae	Phillips (2024a)	ST
<i>Lomandra beaniana</i> Jian Wang ter		Asparagaceae	Wang (2023)	NWS, CWS
<i>Lomandra briggsiana</i> R.L.Barrett & T.C.Wilson	<i>Lomandra</i> sp. Oxley Rivers (T.M. Collins 924)	Asparagaceae	Barrett & Wilson (2023)	NT, CT, NWS, CWS
<i>Muehlenbeckia costata</i> K.L.Wilson & Makinson	<i>Muehlenbeckia</i> sp. Mt Norman (J.T. Hunter 3847)	Polygonaceae	Wilson & Makinson (2024)	NT
<i>Olearia canescens</i> subsp. <i>discolor</i> Messina		Asteraceae	Messina et al. (2014)	NC
<i>Olearia heloderma</i> Albr. & I.Telford	<i>Olearia</i> sp. Rhizomatica (I.R. Telford 11549)	Asteraceae	Albrecht et al. (2024)	ST
<i>Oxylobium bracteosum</i> K.L.McDougall & N.G.Walsh		Fabaceae	McDougall & Walsh (2024)	SC
<i>Patersonia rosea</i> Branwhite		Iridaceae	Branwhite et al. (2023)	NC, CC
<i>Pittosporum kororoense</i> Benwell		Pittosporaceae	Benwell (2023)	NC
<i>Prasopphyllum alborens</i> D.L.Jones & L.M.Copel.		Orchidaceae	Jones & Copeland (2018)	NWS, NWP
<i>Pultenaea acanthocalyx</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Snowy Mountains (N. Taws 261)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	ST
<i>Pultenaea corrickiae</i> R.L.Barrett, Orme & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Wagga Wagga (G. Burrows 13)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	SWS
<i>Pultenaea estelleae</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Blakney Creek (E.M. Canning 6809)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	ST
<i>Pultenaea farmeriana</i> R.L.Barrett, Orme & P.H.Weston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Pound Creek Station (P.H. Weston 3370 & P. Bernhardt)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	CWS

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<i>Pultenaea hoskingii</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Woolomin (J.R. Hosking 2072 et al.)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	NT, NWS
<i>Pultenaea imminuta</i> R.L.Barrett & S.F.McCune	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Maules Creek (M.V. Robinson s.n. NSW 1115296)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	NWS
<i>Pultenaea murrayi</i> R.L.Barrett		Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	ST
<i>Pultenaea palssoniae</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston (Fabaceae)	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. I Flora of NSW Vol 2 (1991); = <i>P.</i> sp. Narrabri (R.G. Coveny 8811 & S.K. Roy)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	NT
<i>Pultenaea praetermissa</i> R.L.Barrett & Albr.	<i>P.</i> sp. Sutton (C. Burgess s.n. 20 Oct 1963)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	ST
<i>Pultenaea purdieae</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Lobbs Hole (M.E. Phillips 176)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	ST
<i>Pultenaea renneri</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Bucketty (C. Burgess s.n. 28 Sept 1963)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	CC
<i>Pultenaea rubescens</i> R.L.Barrett, Clugston & Jobson		Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024b)	NC, NT
<i>Pultenaea venusta</i> R.L.Barrett & Orme	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Woomargama (E.J. McBarron 2493)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	SWS
<i>Pultenaea westonii</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. F Flora of NSW Vol 2 (1991); = <i>P.</i> sp. Mount Canobolas (R.G. Coveny 4191b)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	CT
<i>Pultenaea woolcockiorum</i> R.L.Barrett & Clugston	<i>Pultenaea</i> sp. Conimbla (D.E. Albrecht 15178)	Fabaceae	Barrett et al. (2024a)	CWS
<i>Xerochrysum andrewsiae</i> T.L.Collins & J.J.Bruhl		Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	SC, CT, ST
<i>Xerochrysum beramgutta</i> T.L.Collins & I.Telford	<i>Xerochrysum</i> sp. Point Lookout (I.R. Telford 12830)	Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NT
<i>Xerochrysum copelandii</i> J.J.Bruhl & I.Telford	<i>Xerochrysum</i> sp. New England (L.M. Copeland 3731)	Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NT
<i>Xerochrysum frutescens</i> J.J.Bruhl & I.Telford	<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i> subsp. Mt Merino; = <i>X.</i> sp. Mt Merino (S.T. Blake 22869)	Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NC
<i>Xerochrysum hispidum</i> T.L.Collins & I. Telford		Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	CWS, SWS, NWP, SWP, SFWP
<i>Xerochrysum macsweenyorum</i> T.L.Collins		Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NT
<i>Xerochrysum murapan</i> T.L.Collins & I.Telford	<i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i> subsp. <i>barringtonensis</i> ms (PlantNET)	Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NT
<i>Xerochrysum neoanglicum</i> J.J.Bruhl & I.Telford	<i>Xerochrysum</i> sp. Glencoe (M. Gray 4401)	Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NT
<i>Xerochrysum</i> sp. Blackfellows Gap (N.T. Burbridge 6926)		Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	ST
<i>Xerochrysum</i> sp. Chinchilla (A.N. Schmidt-Lebuhn 1745)		Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NWP, NWS
<i>Xerochrysum</i> sp. North Stradbroke Island (L. Durrington 675)		Asteraceae	Collins et al. (2022)	NC
<i>Zieria nubicola</i> H.K.Orel & Duretto		Rutaceae	Orel et al. (2023)	CC

Table 2. Nomenclatural name changes for NSW.

Old Species Name	New Species Name	Family	Reference
<i>Baumea nuda</i> (Steud.) J.Kern	<i>Machaerina abbreviata</i> (Nees) R.L.Barrett & K.L.Wilson	Cyperaceae	Barrett & Wilson (2022)
<i>Bossiaea fragrans</i> K.L.McDougall	<i>Bossiaea fragrans</i> K.L.McDougall subsp. <i>fragrans</i>	Fabaceae	McMaster et al. (2024)
<i>Bossiaea milesiae</i> K.L.McDougall	<i>Bossiaea fragrans</i> subsp. <i>milesiae</i> (K.L.McDougall) K.L.McDougall & N.G.Walsh	Fabaceae	McMaster et al. (2024)
<i>Diuris punctata</i> var. <i>sulfurea</i> Rupp	<i>Diuris</i> × <i>sulphurella</i> D.L.Jones	Orchidaceae	Jones (2018)
<i>Hibbertia empetrifolia</i> (DC.) Hoogland subsp. <i>empetrifolia</i>	<i>Hibbertia empetrifolia</i> (DC.) Hoogland (other subspecies restricted to SA)	Dilleniaceae	Hammer (2023)
<i>Isolepis marginata</i> (Thunb.) A.Dietr.	<i>Ficinia marginata</i> (Thunb.) Fourc.	Cyperaceae	Muasya & Larridon (2021)
<i>Lepidium pseudopapillosum</i> Thell. (<i>misappl.</i> to NSW specimens)	<i>Lepidium ginninderrense</i> N.H.Scarlett	Brassicaceae	Phillips (2024b)
<i>Leptospermum benwellii</i> A.R.Bean	<i>Aggreflorum benwellii</i> (A.R.Bean) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum blakelyi</i> Joy Thomps.	<i>Gaudium blakelyi</i> (Joy Thomps.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum brachyandrum</i> (F.Muell.) Druce	<i>Aggreflorum brachyandrum</i> (F.Muell.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum brevipes</i> F.Muell.	<i>Gaudium brevipes</i> (F.Muell.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum coriaceum</i> (F.Muell. ex Miq.) Cheel	<i>Gaudium coriaceum</i> (F.Muell. ex Miq.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum deanei</i> Joy Thomps.	<i>Gaudium deanei</i> (Joy Thomps.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum divaricatum</i> Schauer	<i>Gaudium divaricatum</i> (Schauer) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> (Gaertn.) F.Muell.	<i>Gaudium laevigatum</i> (Gaertn.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum microcarpum</i> Cheel	<i>Gaudium microcarpum</i> (Cheel) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum multicaule</i> A.Cunn.	<i>Gaudium multicaule</i> (A.Cunn.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i> Schltdl.	<i>Gaudium myrsinoides</i> (Schltdl.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum namadgiensis</i> Lyne	<i>Gaudium namadgiensis</i> (Lyne) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum parvifolium</i> Sm.	<i>Gaudium parvifolium</i> (Sm.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum polyanthum</i> Joy Thomps.	<i>Gaudium polyanthum</i> (Joy Thomps.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum semibaccatum</i> Cheel	<i>Gaudium semibaccatum</i> (Cheel) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum speciosum</i> Schauer	<i>Aggreflorum speciosum</i> (Schauer) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum subglabratum</i> Joy Thomps.	<i>Gaudium subglabratum</i> (Joy Thomps.) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum trinervium</i> (J.White) Sm.	<i>Gaudium trinervium</i> (J.White) Peter G.Wilson	Myrtaceae	Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Leptospermum whitei</i> Cheel (Myrtaceae)	<i>Aggreflorum ellipticum</i> (C.T.White & W.D.Francis) Peter G.Wilson		Wilson & Heslewood (2023)
<i>Mischocarpus lachnocarpus</i> (F.Muell.) Radlk. (NSW and SE Qld only)	<i>Mischocarpus ailae</i> Guymer	Sapindaceae	Guymer (2009)
<i>Muehlenbeckia diclina</i> (F.Muell.) F.Muell. subsp. Pooncarie (W.E. Mulham W811)	<i>Muehlenbeckia diclina</i> (F.Muell.) F.Muell. subsp. <i>diclina</i>	Polygonaceae	Wilson & Makinson (2024)
<i>Muehlenbeckia diclina</i> subsp. Gippsland (R.O. Makinson 1007)	<i>Muehlenbeckia diclina</i> subsp. <i>stenophylla</i> (F.Muell.) K.L.Wilson & Makinson	Polygonaceae	Wilson & Makinson (2024)

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<i>Prasophyllum mucronatum</i> Rupp	<i>Genoplesium mucronatum</i> (Rupp) M.A.M.Renner & Towle	Orchidaceae	Renner et al. (2022)
<i>Rytidosperma tenuius</i> (Steud.) Connor & Edgar (isonym)	<i>Rytidosperma tenuius</i> (Steud.) A.Hansen & Sunding	Poaceae	Connor & Edgar (1980)
<i>Urochloa fasciculata</i> var. <i>reticulata</i> R.D.Webster (<i>nomen nudum</i>)	<i>Urochloa fusca</i> var. <i>reticulata</i> (Torr.) B.F.Hansen & Wunderlin	Poaceae	Wunderlin & Hansen (2001)
<i>Tibouchina urvilleana</i> (DC.) Cogn.	<i>Pleroma urvilleanum</i> (DC.) P.J.F.Guim. & Michelang.	Melastomataceae	Guimarães et al. (2019)

Table 3. Native and introduced species newly recorded for NSW.

Botanical Divisions: NC – North Coast; CC – Central Coast; SC – South Coast; NT – Northern Tablelands; CT – Central Tablelands; ST – Southern Tablelands; NWS – North Western Slopes; CWS – Central Western Slopes; SWS – South Western Slopes; NWP – North Western Plains; SWP – South Western Plains; NFWP – North Far Western Plains; SFWP – South Far Western Plains

* - introduced/ naturalised species

Species Name	Family	Botanical Division & Voucher
<i>Apopellia endiviifolia</i> (Dicks.) Nebel & D.Quandt	Pelliaceae (liverwort)	*CC [NSW1137654]
<i>Cercis chinensis</i> Bunge	Fabaceae	*CC [NSW1133704]
<i>Opuntia leucotricha</i> DC.	Cactaceae	*CC [NSW1133367]
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> (Thunb.) W.T.Aiton	Pittosporaceae	*CC [NSW1232028]
<i>Pterostylis crassa</i> (D.L.Jones) G.N.Backh.	Orchidaceae	ST [CANB1000948.1]
<i>Pterostylis jeanesii</i> Reiter, Kosky & M.A.Clem.	Orchidaceae	SFWP [NSW1124633]
<i>Prostanthera spathulata</i> T.C.Wilson & B.J.Conn	Lamiaceae	NC [NSW1137624]
<i>Sclerolaena walkeri</i> (C.T.White) A.J.Scott	Chenopodiaceae	NFWP [CANB921348.1]

Table 4. Range extensions of known species in NSW.

Botanical Divisions: NC – North Coast; CC – Central Coast; SC – South Coast; NT – Northern Tablelands; CT – Central Tablelands; ST – Southern Tablelands; NWS – North Western Slopes; CWS – Central Western Slopes; SWS – South Western Slopes; NWP – North Western Plains; SWP – South Western Plains; NFWP – North Far Western Plains; SFWP – South Far Western Plains

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Species Name	Family	Botanical Division & Voucher
<i>Actinotus minor</i> (Sm.) DC.	Apiaceae	NC [NSW1237434]
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i> L.	Pteridaceae	ST [NSW1003364]
<i>Arundo donax</i> L.	Poaceae	*NWP [NSW1138260]
<i>Atriplex spinibractea</i> R.H.Anderson	Chenopodiaceae	CT [NSW151404]
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i> (Labill.) R.Br. subsp. <i>aculeata</i>	Asteraceae	SC [NSW1124330]
<i>Christella dentata</i> (Forssk.) Brownsey & Jermy	Thelypteridaceae	ST [NSW1288319]
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> L.	Onagraceae	*CC [NSW1119712]
<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> subsp. <i>basaltica</i> A.R.Bean	Myrtaceae	CWS [NSW1119713]
<i>Euphorbia davidii</i> Subils	Euphorbiaceae	*SWS [NSW1133368]
<i>Facelis retusa</i> (Lam.) Sch.Bip.	Asteraceae	*CT [NSW1137657]
<i>Hemiaria cinerea</i> DC.	Caryophyllaceae	*SWP [NSW1138385]
<i>Hibbertia expansa</i> Toelken s.l.	Dilleniaceae	NC [NSW1138177]
<i>Hibbertia pilifera</i> Toelken	Dilleniaceae	NWS [NSW1224123]
<i>Hydrocotyle acutiloba</i> (F.Muell.) N.A.Wakef.	Araliaceae	SC [NSW1138542]
<i>Luzula densiflora</i> (N.Nordensk.) Edgar subsp. <i>densiflora</i>	Juncaceae	NT [NSW1133516]
<i>Maireana cheelii</i> (R.H.Anderson) Paul G.Wilson	Chenopodiaceae	NFWP [NSW1138295]
<i>Melaleuca acuminata</i> F.Muell. subsp. <i>acuminata</i>	Myrtaceae	SFWP [NSW1138299]
<i>Misopates orontium</i> (L.) Raf.	Plantaginaceae	*NT [NSW1241657]
<i>Olea europaea</i> subsp. <i>cuspidata</i> (Wall. ex G.Don) Cif.	Oleaceae	*CT [NSW1137449]
<i>Ornithopus pinnatus</i> (Mill.) Druce	Fabaceae	*CT [NSW1137468]
<i>Petrohragia nanteuillii</i> (Burnat) P.W.Ball & Heywood	Caryophyllaceae	*NC [NSW1132432]
<i>Rhodamnia rubescens</i> (Benth.) Miq.	Myrtaceae	CWS [NSW1119716]

Species Name	Family	Botanical Division & Voucher
<i>Rytidosperma setaceum</i> (R.Br.) Connors & Edgar	Poaceae	NWP [NSW1133539]
<i>Sonchus hydrophilus</i> Boulou	Asteraceae	NC [NSW1119781]
<i>Stylidium armeria</i> (Labill.) Labill. subsp. <i>armeria</i>	Stylidiaceae	ST [NSW967494]
<i>Teucrium betchei</i> (F.Muell.) Kattari & Salmaki	Lamiaceae	NT [NSW243391]
<i>Tricoryne elatior</i> R.Br.	Asphodelaceae	NFWP [NSW1138292]
<i>Tritonia gladiolaris</i> (Lam.) Goldblatt & J.C.Manning	Iridaceae	*NC [NSW1132437], *SC [NSW651903], *CT [NSW16344]
<i>Watsonia borbonica</i> (Pourr.) Goldblatt	Iridaceae	*NC [NSW1133510]

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