

Tricoryne tenella

YELLOW AUTUMN LILY

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Flowering period: January–December.**Description:** Rhizomatous, erect to low-growing perennial herb to 45 cm high arising from a woody, compact rhizome. Leaves to 90 mm long, spaced along lower portions of the stem. Flowers 8–11, 1.2 cm across, open for one day, in umbels (arising from the same point on the stem) with senesced flowers becoming pendulous with the withered petals spirally twisting.**Pollination:** Not observed in coastal forms of the species; however, most likely specialised pollination by native insects.**Distribution:** Widespread from Geraldton to Cape Arid. In coastal dunes and limestone along the Perth coast particularly in protected low heathland or in soil pockets in dissected limestone.**Propagation:** From seed sown into seed trays and pricked out when 1–2 cm tall. Germination low and erratic with seedlings emerging over a number of months. To ensure plants are of sufficient size, it may be necessary for plants to be grown-on in pots for one year prior to transplanting into garden or restoration sites.**Uses in restoration:** Useful for increasing the biodiversity value of stabilised secondary dunes or limestone areas. Grows in full sun to partial shade.**Notes:** Attractive, late-flowering species for the home garden. Requires an open position. Prune after flowering ceases to encourage growth and flowering in the subsequent year.

Habit



Flower



Distribution