

**Freesia alba × leicht-linii*

SWEET OR COMMON FREESIA

Flowering period: August–October.

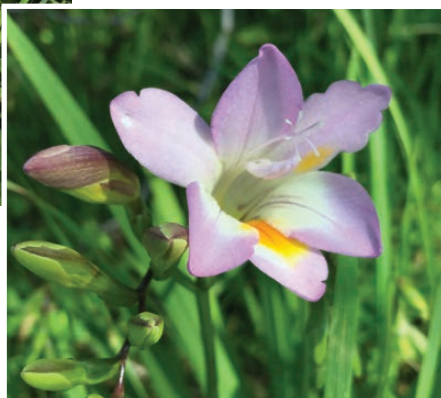
Description: Annually emerging geophytic herb to 40 cm high arising from a conical 10–15 mm diameter corm situated 10–15 cm underground. Leaves narrow 20–35 cm long in a fan-shaped arrangement. Spike three-to eight-flowered with sweetly scented flowers open for 2–3 days. Flowers ranging in colour from purplish, yellow to white with a 30–45 mm long tube with six perianth parts with lobes unequal in size and patterning, Capsule up to 10 mm in diameter and with a highly rough surface. Capsule splits to release numerous highly viable seeds.

Distribution: A garden escape that is now widespread and can be locally very abundant. In coastal areas confined to protected sites in older dunes and under taller trees and shrubs.

Control methods: Being a vigorous geophytic plant it is difficult to remove manually. Will naturally migrate through an area. Wipe-on applications of herbicide can be effective; however, follow-up control will be necessary due to regrowth of smaller seedlings.



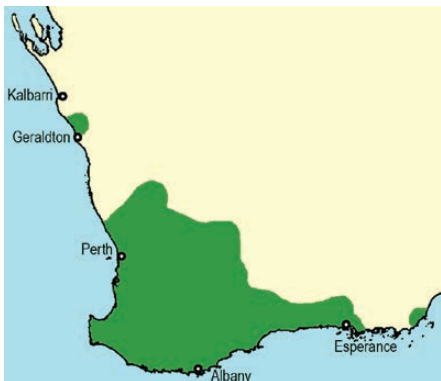
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