

Plant of the Month

February 2023

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Lysiana casuarinae (Miq.) Tiegh.



Lysiana casuarinae is a broadly circumscribed, aerial, parasitic plant or mistletoe that can be found growing on a range of host species. This image represents the type (true) form, which in the Perth region occurs predominantly on *Casuarina* (<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/21301?ref=florabase.ghost.io>), hence the specific epithet. It has green, terete leaves with banana-shaped, yellow flowers fading to red-orange with age. Plants are commonly seen along the Canning and Swan River foreshore flowering from late January to February.

Plants can often be seen with another mistletoe *Amyema linophylla* (<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/2375?ref=florabase.ghost.io>), which has red flowers and grey terete foliage, with flowers from December to January. On occasion, both species can be seen on the same tree, *Casuarina obesa* (<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/1742?ref=florabase.ghost.io>).

Photo: R. Davis

[Find out more about *Lysiana casuarinae* \(Miq.\) Tiegh.](#)

(<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/2396?ref=florabase.ghost.io>)

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