

***\*Gazania linearis***

**Commonly: Gazania**

**Vascular Plant Family: Asteraceae**

Flowers winter to early summer

*\*Gazania linearis* is a tufted perennial herb with stems up to 30cm high. It is a native of South Africa.



The stalked leaves occur at the base of the plant. They are up to 10cm long and 2cm wide with a dissected or entire margin. The lower surface is white hairy and the upper is without hairs.



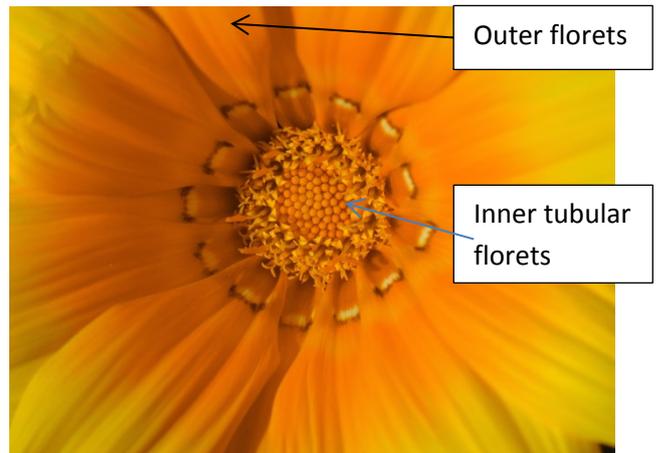
The flower heads are solitary up to 9cm across and vary in colour from yellow to orange.



There are several rows of narrow bracts below the flower head.



There are two types of flowers in the head. The outer ones have a tongue like petal and are sterile, the inner ones are tubular, 5-lobed and fertile.



The photograph below illustrates the bracts, outer tongue-like florets and the inner shorter tubular ones.



\*Indicates it is a weed