## \*Trachyandra divaricata

## Commonly: Trachyandra Vascular Plant Family: Asphodelaceae

Flowers late winter and spring

\*Trachyandra divaricata is a perennial herb to 70cm tall with several thick basal leaves up to 50cm long and about 8mm wide. The inflorescence is erect and much branched with numerous stalked flowers. It is native to South Africa but is extensively naturalized on



Each flower occurs in the axil of a bract. The flowers are white with a brown stripe and with 2 yellow spots at the base. There are 6 free petals up to 12mm long and 6 stamens.



When the fruit is ripe, the inflorescence break off the plant and blows around in the wind, spreading the numerous seeds. The fruit, which is a capsule, splits open to release the seeds.



Refer also to Peppy Plants article <u>Trachyandra</u> <u>divaricata</u>