

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Ginninderra Creek, ACT



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Ginninderra Creek, ACT



'Seeds'. Photographer Keir Morse, California, USA



Flowering stems. Photographer JCSchou, Denmark

Common name

Celery

Family

Apiaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Moist sites, wetlands, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced biennial herb to 1 m high or **prostrate**. Stems ribbed, hairless. Plants aromatic. Leaves opposite each other or in **whorls** at branching points on the stems, to 15 cm long, **compound**, usually with one **pinna** with 3–5 leaflets, occasionally with more than one pinna. Leaflets to 5 cm long, often deeply 3-lobed and the lobes again divided; margins scalloped to toothed. Upper leaves much smaller. Flowers white, the **petals** often with a reddish **midrib**, with 5 petals each 0.5–0.7 mm long, in few to many-flowered clusters 1–4 cm diameter. Flowers Sep.–Feb.

Cultivated as a vegetable.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Apium-graveolens> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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