

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem (var. *prostratum*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Tathra



Flowering stems (var. *filiforme*). Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Narooma



Seeding stem (var. *filiforme*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Dhurag National Park near Wisemans Ferry

Common name

Sea celery

Family

Apiaceae

Where found

Coastal cliffs, sand dunes, along streams, and the margins of salt marshes. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Biennial or perennial prostrate herb with stems to 0.70 m long. Stems hairless. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2–41 cm long, **compound**, with 3–9 leaflets, the leaflets 2–7 mm wide and often 3-lobed. Flowers white, with 5 **petals** each 0.8–1.5 mm long, in few to many-flowered clusters 3.5–7 cm diameter. Flowers Spring to Summer.

Var. prostratum Leaflets **entire** or divided; undivided leaflets and the basal **segments** of divided leaflets narrower, 6–15 times as long as broad.

Var. filiforme Leaflets divided, **primary** segments broader, 2–3 times as long as broad

PlantNET description of species and key to varieties: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Apium-prostratum> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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