

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Woodstock Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, west of Bodalla



Stem and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Walcha

Common name

Hemlock

Family

Apiaceae

Where found

Forest margins, grassy areas, disturbed sites, roadsides, stream banks, and other moist sites. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced biennial herb to 3 m tall. Stems hairless, often with fine lengthwise grooves, spotted reddish brown, pinkish, or purple. Stems and leaves acrid- or mouse-smelling when rubbed or damaged. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10-50 cm long, to 400 mm wide, **compound**, leaflets 1-2 cm long, fern-like, hairless, margins coarsely to finely toothed, leaf stalks to 60 cm long, longitudinally furrowed, purple-flecked, with a broad sheathing base. Flowers in clusters 30-70 mm in diameter. Individual flowers 2-4 mm in diameter with 5 white **petals**. 'Seeds' have no spines. Flowers Spring to Summer. Highly poisonous.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Conium-maculatum> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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