Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Seed cases and flower. Photographer David Eickhoff, Hawaii, USA



Stems. Photographer David Eickhoff, Hawaii, USA

Common name

Dodder, Golden Dodder, Field Dodder

Family

Convolvulaceae

Where found

Parasitises a wide range of native and introduced plants that grow in open woodland, grasslands, wetlands, and along streams. Also parasites crops e.g. lucerne. Sydney area north of Stanwell Park.

Notes

Introduced annual parasitic climbing herb. Leafless, with yellowish stems. Flowers white to cream, 2-3 mm long, 3–4 mm in diameter, tubular, with 5 (occasionally 3 or 4) lobes. Tips of the flower lobes flexed upwards (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Stalks of individual flowers mainly less than 2.5 mm long. Flowers in clusters to 15 mm in diameter along the stems. Flowering: mainly summer.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description with line drawings of flower and seed case: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl? page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cuscuta~campestris (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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