

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower spike. Photographer Jackie Mles



Seeding spike and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles



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Common name

Eastern Water-ribbons

Family

Juncaginaceae

Where found

Aquatic in still or slow-flowing fresh water to 1.2 m deep, in small streams, swamps, and farm dams. Also in stagnant water. Coastal. Sydney area away from the coast as well. ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb, **rhizomatous**. **Scape** at the fruiting stage usually **erect**, about 0.47–1.03 m long, 2.5–12.6 mm in diameter, the fruiting **spike** 0.7–0.21 m long, 15–24 mm in diameter. Leaves basal, arising in tufts from the **rhizome**, strap-like, 6–450 cm long, about 40 mm wide, usually erect, more thickly spongy towards the base, with a **sheath** at the base. Flowers with 6 small '**petals**' in two **whorls**, in a dense spike-like cluster. Seed cases touching, about 44–137 per spike, 7–9.6 mm long, very broadly oval to pear-shaped, the base star-shaped, contracted and stalk-like. Seeds never twisted, more or less triangular in cross section, not ridged or **keeled**.

Was *Triglochin microtuberosa*.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cycnogeton~microtuberosum> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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