

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Seeding stalk with mature seed cases. Photographer Andre Messina, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



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## Common name

None

## Family

Juncaginaceae

## Where found

Aquatic. In flowing clear fresh water in permanent, often rocky, streams and rivers, often flowing through tall open forests with thick **shrub** understoreys. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

## Notes

**Perennial** aquatic herb, **rhizomatous**. **Scape** submerged and trailing. Leaves basal, arising in tufts from the **rhizome**, strap-like, thin, 41–450 cm long, 2–16 mm wide, usually submerged and trailing in fast-flowing water, often spiralled or with wavy margins, thickened and spongy towards the base, basal **sheaths** narrow. Flowers with 6 small '**petals**' in two **whorls**. Flowers in a dense oval **spike**-like cluster, the **rachis** and individual flower stalks of the **inflorescence** green to maroon. Flowers September–February. Seed cases more or less oval, 9–16 mm long. Fruiting **spikes** with about 20–232 seed cases. Seeds straight or sometimes twisted, the ridge at the top typically prominent and narrow-convex, ridges on the sides broad-convex to absent.

Was *Triglochin rheophila*.

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

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