

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Plants. Photographer Richard Hartland, Lake Fyans, Vic

Common name

Waterwort

Family

Elatinaceae

Where found

In or on the margins of still or slow-flowing water to about 40 cm deep. Widespread.

Notes

Annual herb. Stems **prostrate** in mud, rooting from the leaf **nodes**, forming mats to 2m in diameter. In water, the branches sometimes **erect**, to 0.4 m or more tall. Stems hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 0.2-1.6 cm long, 1.5-5 mm wide, margins **entire** and with minute **glands**, tips pointed to blunt. Flowers with 3 white to pink **petals** each about 1 mm long.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Elatine~gratioloides> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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