

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, O'Connor, Canberra



Flowers, young seed cases, and leaf. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, O'Connor, Canberra



Line drawings. j. flowering stems; seed case. K Maling, University of Sydney, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

A pennywort

Family

Araliaceae

Where found

Damp places in **forest**, along streams, and in swamps. Widespread.

Notes

Small slender **perennial** herb, sprawling, creeping and rooting at least at the lower **nodes**, occasionally mat-forming. usually 0.02–0.1 m high. Stems hairless or hairy, to more than 1 m long. Leaves arising from the nodes, single or in clusters, round to kidney shaped, 4–25 mm in diameter, deeply **dissected** into 3–5 **segments**, often appearing **compound**, segments to about 1 cm long, surfaces bristly, hairs more dense on the lower surface. Leaf stalks with hairs pointing back. Flowers small, with 5 greenish, yellowish or purplish **petals**. **Umbels** small, **head**-like, 3–5 mm in diameter, 3–9-flowered. Flowering: throughout the year, mainly November–March.

Family was Apiaceae.

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&lv=sp&name=Hydrocotyle~tripartita> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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