

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Russell Best, Baw Baw National Park, Vic

## Common name

Water Blinks

## Family

Portulacaceae

## Where found

Wet **grassland**, moist places, seepage areas, swamps, and shallow pools. Mainly ACT, the mountains to the west, Kosciuszko National Park, and the Western Slopes. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

Tufted **annual** herb to 0.2 m high, rooting at the **nodes**. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5–2 cm long, 2–4 mm wide, tips pointed, bases expanded, membranous, very shortly fused around the stems. Flowers with 5 white to pale mauve **petals** each 1.5–2 mm long, united at the base to form a short tube. Flowers single or in small clusters, exceedingly short-lived. Flowering: September–December.

Differentiation of the subspecies is dependent on microscopic examination of the seeds, beyond the scope of this key.

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

Data deficient Vic. (subsp. *amporitana* and subsp. *fontana*).

Family Montiaceae in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Montia~fontana> (accessed 25 April 2021)

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