

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Upright water-milfoil, Water-milfoil

## Family

Haloragaceae

## Where found

Still water or mud. ACT, tablelands, and Western Slopes. Sydney area. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.6 m tall, rooting at the **nodes** in lants growing on mud. 'Seeds' prickly. Stems hairy to hairless. **Emergent** leaves in **whorls** of 5-9, the lower leaves deeply segmented, comb-shaped with 6-8 **linear segments**, the uppermost cylindrical, mostly 0.5-2 cm long. Submerged leaves in whorls of 5-9, 1-5.5 cm long, with 12-20 linear segments. Submerged leaves often absent in terrestrial or marsh plants. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male flowers with 4 cream to reddish brown or purple hooded **petals** 2-3 mm long which fall off easily. Female flowers tiny, with 0 petals, 0 **sepals**, with 4 white to pink **stigmas**, the **ovary** deep red. Flowers single at the base of **whorled** leaves.. Flowers mainly Oct.–Apr.

Definite identification of species of *Myriophyllum* often requires microscopic examination of the seed cases, beyond the scope of this key.

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=Myriophyllum-crispatum> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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