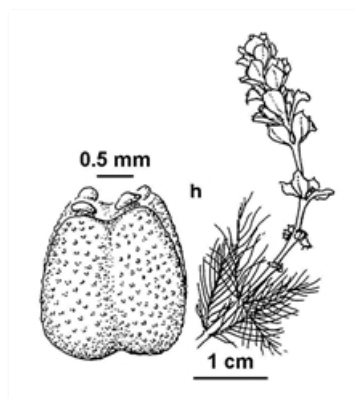


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Lake Water-milfoil

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

Aquatic, in lakes and slow-flowing watercourses. Widespread but not common.

Notes

Perennial herb, rooting mainly at the base. Stems to 2 m long, mostly 1.5–2 mm in diameter, rooting mainly at the base. Leaves in **whorls** of 4–5. Submerged leaves mostly 1.2–2.5 cm long, with 10–18 narrow **segments** like the teeth of a comb, dark green. **Emergent** leaves green to purplish, **glaucous** in saline situations, mostly 0.4–0.8 cm long, 3–4 mm wide, margins **entire** or with a few short teeth towards the tips. Male and female flowers on the same stem. Male flowers with 4 hooded **petals**, green to purple, 3–3.5 mm long. Female flowers with 0 **sepals**, 0 petals, **stigmas** dark red. Flowers single at the base of **whorled** leaves.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Myriophyllum~salsugineum> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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