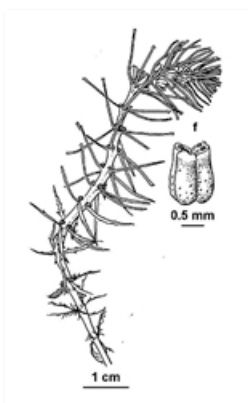


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Stem with male flowers above, female flowers below. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Line drawings. Illustration: G Thomson, f. branch (with submerged and emergent leaves); seed case. National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Varied Water-milfoil

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

In still or slowly flowing water. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb, rooting at the **nodes** in shallow water. Stems to 0.5 m long, to 5 mm in diameter. **Emergent** leaves in **whorls** of 5, mostly 0.8–1.5 cm long, to 1 mm wide, **entire**, or the margins of the lowermost leaves with a few teeth. Submerged leaves in whorls of 4 or 5, mostly 1.1–2 cm long, with 9–15 well-spaced narrow **segments** like the teeth of a comb. Male and female flowers on the same plant, usually male and female on the same stem, rarely all female on a stem. Male flowers with 4 yellow to reddish hooded **petals** each 2–3.5 mm long. Female flowers with 0 **sepals**, 0 petals, **stigmas** white. 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.

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~variifolium> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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