

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer John Tann, Como, Sydney



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## Common name

Onion weed, False onion weed

## Family

Alliaceae

## Where found

Weed in pastures, lawns, gardens, roadsides, disturbed sites, and wetlands. Mainly in the Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb, arising annually from a **bulb**, to 1.05 m tall. Flower stalk cylindrical. Leaves with a faint onion smell, basal, 15-60 cm long, 2-18 mm wide, strap-like, with 17-20 longitudinal **veins**, with a papery **sheath** at the base. Flowers fragrant. Flowers 10-15 mm long, with a short tube and 6 '**petals**' each 8-15 mm long, white, with pale green to pinkish or brownish markings. Flowers in 8-20 flowered clusters. Flowers spring to summer.

*Nothoscordum gracile* in PlantNET.

PlantNET description (as *Nothoscordum gracile*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Nothoscordum~gracile> (accessed 13 April 2021)

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