

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, west of Vincentia



Open seed cases on stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



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## Common name

Woolly Waterlily, Frogsmouth

## Family

Philydraceae

## Where found

Along margins of streams and dams, drainage areas, swamps, and in water. Coastal.

## Notes

**Emergent perennial** herb to 2 m or more high, often shortly **rhizomatous**. Leaves mostly basal, a few **alternating** up the stems, 15–60 cm long, to 20 mm wide, **linear**, surfaces mostly hairy, sometimes hairless, basal **sheath** 7–16 cm long, tips gradually tapering to a point. Flowers yellow, with 4 '**petals**', the outer 2 '**petals**' 10–15 mm long, 7–10 mm wide; the inner 2 '**petals**' 3–8 mm long, 1–3 mm wide. Flowers in a **spike** of 10 to about 40-flowers, usually only 2 flowers open at any time. Flowers Dec.–Apr..

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Philydrum-lanuginosum> (accessed 17 January, 2021)

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