

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



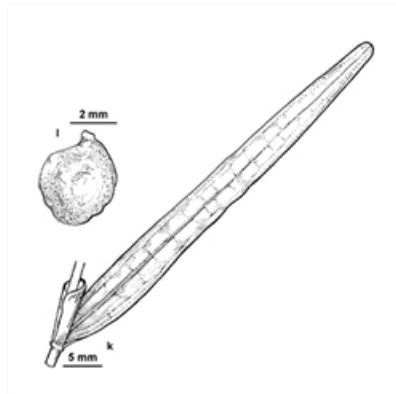
Flower spike. Photographer Richard Hartland, Keilor, Vic



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Keilor, Vic



Flowering plants. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, dam east of the Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Line drawings. k. leaf; l. individual seed case. A Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Blunt pondweed

Family

Potamogetonaceae

Where found

Aquatic. In still to strongly flowing fresh water to 5 m deep in rivers, channels and lakes. Widespread.

Notes

Aquatic **rhizomatous annual** or **perennial** herb. Stems cylindrical or flattened, branched, to 5 m long. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, submerged, 2.5–13 cm long, 2–6 mm wide, translucent, with 3–5 principal longitudinal **veins**, margins **entire**, bases stem clasping or pointed, **stipular sheath** initially to 2 cm long, membranous and more or less sheathing the stem above the **node**, often disintegrating and becoming free from the stem, tips blunt to **mucronate**. Flowers 3–4 mm in diameter, with 4 '**petals**'. Flowers in a dense **emergent spike**, about 10-many-flowered, 15–30 mm long at the seeding stage. Flowering: Aug.–Apr.

A hybrid species derived from this and *Potamogeton crispus* has been described as *Potamogeton x jacobsii*. It was found at Narellan (without either parent), and could occur in other places.

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=Potamogeton~ochreatus> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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