

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Plants. Photographer Augustin Roche, unknown place



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

Common name

Clasped pondweed, Perfoliate pondweed, Pondweed

Family

Potamogetonaceae

Where found

In permanent water bodies and in fast-flowing shallow water. Reasonably salt-tolerant. Ranges west and north of Sydney. Between Nowra and Goulburn. ACT and ranges and tablelands to the east of the ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Rhizomatous aquatic **perennial** herb. Stems trailing, to 3 m long, cylindrical. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, submerged, 1-7 cm long 10-40 mm wide, thin and translucent, bases **cordate** and stem-clasping, **stipules** more or less sheathing the bases, margins **entire**, usually wavy, tips blunt, rarely pointed. Flowers 3-4 mm in diameter, with 4 '**petals**'. Flowers in a dense 8-15-flowered **emergent spike**, 10-20 mm long when in seed. Flowering: most of the year.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Potamogeton~perfoliatus> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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