

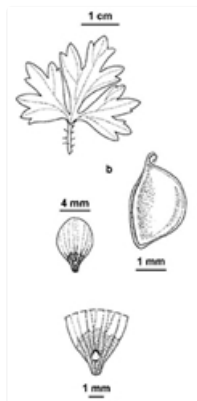
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bangalee Reserve near Nowra



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Lake Mountain, Vic



Line drawings. b. leaf; petal; petal base and nectary; seed. EVM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Forest buttercup

Family

Ranunculaceae

Where found

Moist sites in **forest** and **woodland**, and stream banks, mainly below 1000m. Widespread, but rarely on the Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m high. Flowering stems with **spreading** and/or **appressed** hairs. Leaves mostly basal, 1–7 cm long, 10–70 mm wide or more, hairy with fine spreading hairs, usually **compound**, with 3 leaflets, sometimes **dissected** with 3 lobes, the **segments** again divided into 3 and/or with toothed margins. Flowers with 5 golden-yellow **petals** each 5–10 mm long, 2–4 mm wide. **Sepals** curved down. Flowering stems usually branched, with 2–16 flowers. Flowering: Nov.–Mar.. Seeds usually 20–50, 1.8–3 mm long, lens-shaped, smooth with a narrow **marginal** ridge, sometimes with a row of stiff appressed to sem-appressed hairs along the upper margin, **beak** strongly curved down, 0.5–1 mm long.

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=Ranunculus~plebeius> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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