

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



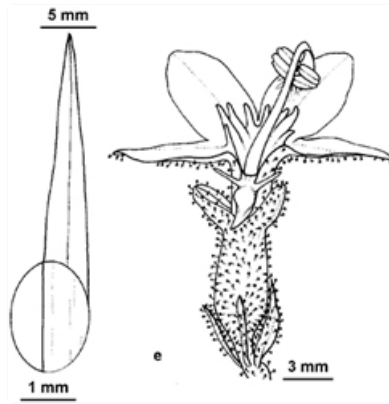
Flowers. Photographer Ken Thomas, Narradgi National Park, ACT



Leaves. Photographer Ken Thomas, Narradgi National Park, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Ken Thomas, Narradgi National Park, ACT



Line drawings. e. leaf tips (margin detail); flower. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Thirft-leaved Triggerplant

Family

Stylidaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, grassy areas, swamp margins, and seepage areas. ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

in the ACT, *Styliidium armeria* subsp. *armeria* does not occur on Black Mountain, Bruce Ridge or Mt Ainslie, but is the common species of *Styliidium* at higher altitudes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 1 m high, often **rhizomatous**. Leaves tufted, 8–40 cm long, 3–15 mm wide, mid- to dark green, hairless on both surfaces or, rarely, with a few widely spaced **glandular** hairs on the margins and/or the **midrib** on the lower surface, and these usually present only on **juvenile** plants, midrib not obvious on the lower surface, margins membranous and coarsely toothed, toothed at the tips only, or **entire**; tips pointed. **Scape** greater than 2 mm wide, hairless to hairy with glandular hairs. Flowers light to dark pink-magenta, rarely white, 8–16 mm in diameter, tubular, with 4 **petals**, and a hinged column sensitive to movement 8–12 mm long, arising from the centre of the flower. 15–120 flowers up the flower stalk. Plants single. Flowers Aug.–Feb. Seed cases reddish brown, covered in small warts.

Styliidium armeria in PlantNET (3 May 2021).

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

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/78dbb92e-6b98-481d-994c-c84e-d064df86> (accessed 3 May 2021)

Description above partly based on Raulings, EJ & Ladiges, PY (2001) Morphological variation and speciation in *Styliidium graminifolium* (Stylidaceae), description of *S. montanum* [1] [2] and reinstatement of *S. armeria*. *Australian Systematic Botany* 14(6):

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and Rosemary Purdie's notes published on Canberra Nature Map.

<https://canberra.naturemapr.org/Community/Sightings/Details/1947895> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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