

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, ACT



Individual flowers. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Line drawings. i. leaf; flower head; seeding calyx. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

White clover

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Disturbed sites, gardens, grassy areas, and moist gullies. A common lawn weed. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced prostrate perennial herb, rooting at the **nodes**, branches to 30 cm long. **Calyx** tube bell-shaped, teeth spiny. Stems slightly hairy or hairless. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, each 0.5-4 cm long, 10-30 mm wide, hairless, prominently veined, often with a pale crescent on the upper surface, margins finely toothed, tips often notched; **stipules** membranous, sheathing. In moist sites leaflets to 4 cm long, in drier places 0.5-0.8 cm long. Flower **heads** globular or loose, 15-35 mm long, 15-35 mm in diameter, more than 20-flowered. Individual flowers white yellow, or pink, 4-13 mm long, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**, persistent in the seeding stage. Flowers mainly Aug.-Feb.

Varieties not recognised in NSW.

PlantNET description (as *Trifolium repens*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Trifolium~repens> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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