

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Corin Road, ACT



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Long Gully Road, Canberra, ACT



Stems with seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Alexander Schmidt-Lebuhn, Illunie Nature Reserve south of Cowra

Common name

Fairy Aprons, Purple Bladderwort

Family

Lentibulariaceae

Where found

Damp places in **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, and **grassland**; swamps and drainage ditches. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.5 m high, **stoloniferous**. Insect traps on the stems. Stems thin and **wiry**. Leaves in a basal **rosette** and arising from the **stolons**, 0.3–14 cm long, 2–5 mm wide. Flowers violet or purple, to mauve, blue, or pink, 12–22 mm long, 12–20 mm in diameter, 2-lipped, the upper lip small, sometimes notched, the lower lip fan-shaped, usually with 2 or 3 conspicuous yellow to white central ridges flanked by less-conspicuous violet or purple ridges. Flowers in clusters of 1–9, or opening one after the other, usually in pairs or **whorls** of 3–4. Flowering: most of the year.

Only conspicuous when in flower.

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=Utricularia~dichotoma> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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