

## *Marsilea hirsuta*

**Family:**

Marsileaceae

**Botanical name**

*Marsilea hirsuta* R.Br.

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<https://id.biodiversity.org.au/name/apni/104789>

**Common name:**

Short-fruited Nardoo



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**Description**

Rhizome long-creeping, much-branched, glabrescent, bearing nodal roots and peltate apical scales. Fronds 1–20 cm long, solitary or clustered. Stipes glabrous or scaly. Leaflets broadly obovate to broadly cuneate, 10–20 mm long, 3–12 mm wide, glabrous to densely scaly; outer margin rounded, entire to irregularly crenate. Sporocarps solitary or clustered; stalks 3–6 mm long, unbranched, glabrous to scaly; conceptacles 4–7 mm long, scaly, faintly ribbed or not; upper surface flat to convex; upper and lower basal teeth similar, short, obtuse.

**Distribution**

Endemic to coastal and inland areas of all mainland states and territories.

**Habit and habitat**

Aquatic or terrestrial herb. Grows in shallow water or mud.

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