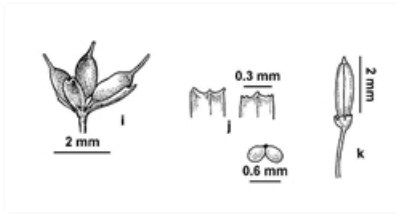


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Line drawings. i. young 'seeds'; j. leaf tips; k. male flower from the side (X6) and above (X11). A Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Small-fruited Water-mat

Family

Potamogetonaceae

Where found

Submerged in fresh, brackish, and saline lakes in water up to about 1 m deep, or slowly flowing water. Kosciuszko National Park. Tablelands south from Cooma.

Notes

Annual or short-lived submerged aquatic **perennial** herb, stems from less than 0.01 m to more than 1 m long. **Rhizomatous**. Leaves mostly **alternating** along the stems, almost opposite each other when **subtending** the flowers; tiny or to 4 cm long, less than 1 mm wide, tips often with 3 more or less distinct mucros, sometimes only with a single **mucro**. Male and female flowers on different plants. Male flowers with a cup-shaped **perianth**, about 1 mm long. Female flowers with 3 '**petals**' each about 2 mm long, appearing feathery. Flowers Nov–Mar.

Family was Zannichelliaceae.

Was *Lepilaena bilocularis*.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Althenia~bilocularis> (accessed 10 January 2021)

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