

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Watershield

Family

Cabombaceae

Where found

In shallow freshwater lagoons or backwaters. Coastal north from east of Moruya.

Notes

Spreading herb, rooting at the **nodes**. Stems, leaf stalks, and the lower surface of the leaves covered with clear mucilage. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2.5-9 cm long, 15-60 mm wide, **peltate**, lower surface often red. Leaf stalks to 2 m long, depending on water depth. Flowers dark maroon, purplish or reddish black, with 6-8 '**petals**' each 9-18 mm long. Flowers Oct.-Feb. The flowers rise twice to the surface, firstly to be pollinated, then a day later to release pollen.

Vulnerable Vic. Listed in Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Brasenia~schreberi> (accessed 6 January, 2021)

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