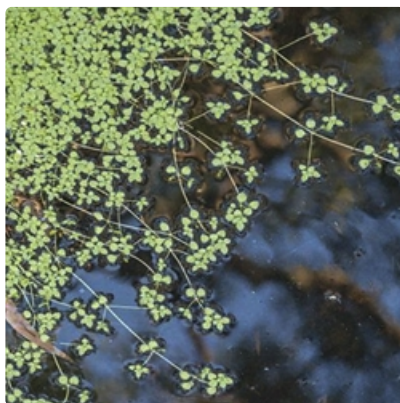


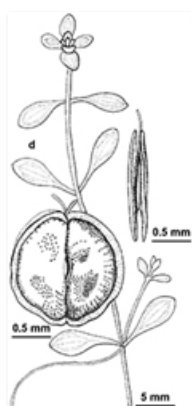
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plants. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Plants. Photographer Ian Robb, Tumby Wetlands north of Sydney



Line drawings. d. seedling branch; 'seeds' (from front and side). E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Common starwort, Common water-starwort

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Creeping on mud or submerged or forming mats in water. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced** herb, usually **annual**. Stems to about 0.9 m long. Stems and leaves hairless, sometimes slightly rough. Leaves opposite each other, 0.2–2.5 cm long, 1–6 mm wide, margins smooth. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers minute, with 0 **petals**, and 2 **bracteoles**. Flowers usually paired with one of each sex, sometimes single. **Stamens** lengthening at fruiting, about twice as long as the seed cases. Seed cases usually slightly longer than broad, about 1.5–2 mm wide, with a prominent **wing**.

Mature seed cases are necessary for identification to species level.

Family was Callitrichaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Callitriche~stagnalis> (accessed 23 April 2021)

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