

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaf. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Flowers, leaves, and stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Flowering carpet. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT

Common name

Kidney weed

Family

Convolvulaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland and **grassland**, lawns, and moist shady places. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.05 m tall with creeping stems, rooting at the **nodes**, greyish hairy with **simple** hairs attached at about the middle, or Y-shaped hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves single or in clusters at the nodes, 0.5–3 cm long, 5–30 mm wide, kidney-shaped to almost round, both surfaces sparsely to moderately hairy. Flowers white to pale yellow or greenish, 2.5–6 mm in diameter, tubular, the tube to about 1 mm long, with 5 lobes. Flowers single. Flowering: throughout the year, mainly spring–summer. Flower stalks 5–60 mm long at the seeding stage, not curved down. Seed cases shorter than the **calyx**.

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=Dichondra~repens> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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