

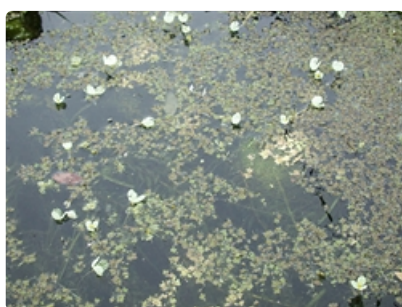
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



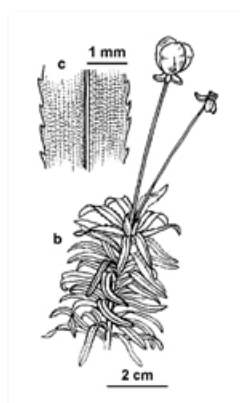
Male flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, unknown place



Leafy stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Meredith, Vic



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Meredith, Vic



Line drawings. b. branchlet c. male flowers; c. portion of leaf. A Barley, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Dense Waterweed, Leafy Elodea, Egeria, Anacharis, Brazilian Elodea

Family

Hydrocharitaceae

Where found

In stationary or slowly flowing water especially where the substrate has been disturbed. Can form mats in still water. Mainly Sydney area and Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced submerged aquatic **perennial** herb. Stems to 5 m long, rooting at the lower **nodes**, buoyant, so most of the growth is near the surface. Leaves in **whorls** of 3–8, or the lower stem leaves opposite each other, 1–4 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, often curved down, translucent, margins with minute teeth. Male and female flowers on different plants. Female flowers not recorded from Australia. Male flowers white, with 3 **petals** 9–12 mm long, in clusters of 1–5. Flowering: spring to autumn.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Egeria~densa> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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