

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographer Jackie Mies



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, above the Cotter River, ACT



Immature seed case. Photographer unknown, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

California Poppy, Californian Poppy, Golden Poppy, California Sunlight, Cup of Gold

## Family

Papaveraceae

## Where found

Urban bushland, open areas, roadsides, and stream banks and stream beds. Mainly ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to about 0.6 m high. Stems **glaucous**, hairless. Leaves in a **rosette** at the base and **alternating** up the stems; 2–15 cm long, 20–100 mm wide, deeply **dissected** and dissected again, the final **segments linear**, 0.5–4 mm wide. Flowers with 4 **petals** each 10–60 mm long, yellow to orange, occasionally red, often darker near the base, soon falling. Flowers spring – autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Eschscholzia~californica> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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