

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Bogong High Plains, Vic



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Wandera State Forest NW of Moruya



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Common name

Matted St John's wort

Family

Hypericaceae

Where found

Moist places in **forest**, **woodland**, and grassy areas; and gullies and swamps. Widespread.

Notes

Prostrate or sprawling **perennial** herb to 0.15 m high, rarely more, rooting at the **nodes**, often forming mats. Stems fleshy, 4-ridged. Leaves opposite each other, frequently clustered, 0.2–2 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, hardly or not stem-clasping, margins flat or wavy. Flowers yellow to orange, often with greenish yellow centres, 3–8 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**. Flowers in clusters of 1–3 flowers. Flowering: spring-autumn.

Family was Clusiaceae.

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=Hypericum~japonicum> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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