

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



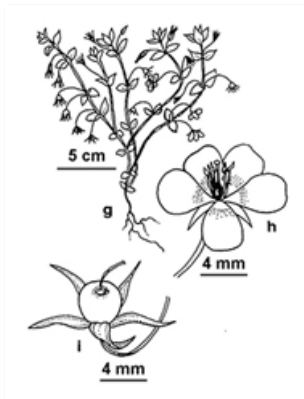
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Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Murrumbidgee National Park north of Batemans Bay



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



Line drawings. g. plant; h. flower; i. immature seed case EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board,

## Common name

Scarlet pimpernel, Blue pimpernel, Pimpernel

## Family

Primulaceae

## Where found

**Woodland, shrubland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, rocky outcrops, and swamp margins. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **perennial** herb, **prostrate**, stems to 0.5m long, usually less than 0.2 m tall. Stems 4-angled with 4 longitudinal **keels**, hairless. Leaves opposite each other or sometimes in **whorls** of 3, 0.4-2.5 cm long, 3-15 mm wide, hairless, paler and dotted with orange to blackish **glands** below. Flowers 5-12 mm in diameter, red to orange, pink, or blue to purple, with 5 '**petals**' fused together at the base. Flowers Winter to Summer.

Was *Anagallis arvensis*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Lysimachia~arvensis> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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