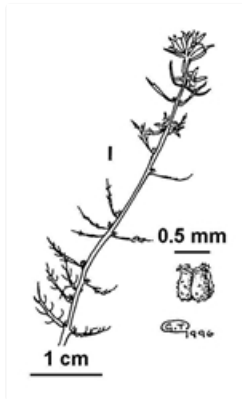


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Slender Water-milfoil

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

In shallow water or on mud. Greater Sydney area and north from there (both varieties).

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.2 m tall. Stems mostly about 1 mm in diameter, rooting mainly at the base. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.5-1 cm long, either margins **entire** to toothed, or leaves divided into 3-7 **segments**. Male and female flowers usually on the same plant, sometimes male and female flowers on different plants. Male flowers with 4 hooded **petals**, creamy-yellow with a reddish tip, 2-2.5 mm long. Female flowers with 0 **sepals**, 0 petals, **stigmas** white. Flowers single at the bases of the leaves. Flowers mainly spring.

var. gracile: Leaves divided into usually 5 narrow segments, mostly 0.5-1 cm long. Male and female flowers usually on the same shoot, sometimes on separate shoots. Seed cases deep reddish brown, sparsely warty

var. lineare: Leaves mostly 0.5-0.8 cm long. Lower leaves often with short teeth; upper leaves entire. Male and female flowers on the same shoot or some shoots have females only. Seed cases yellow-brown to deep reddish brown, densely warty.

Endangered Vic (var. *lineare*). Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic. (var. *lineare*).

Definite identification of species of *Myriophyllum* often requires microscopic examination of the seed cases, beyond the scope of this key.

PlantNET description of species and key to varieties: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Myriophyllum~gracile> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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