

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Robust Water-milfoil

## Family

Haloragaceae

## Where found

In mud and shallow water. Tablelands and Western Slopes. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb, rooting at the **nodes** in plants growing on mud. Stems to 0.4 m high, warty, robust, mostly 5–6 mm in diameter, rooting at the nodes. **Emergent** leaves or leaves in plants growing in mud in **whorls** of 4–6, usually 1.5–4.5 cm long, about 3 mm wide, **linear**, sometimes warty at the base, margins with 12–18 short teeth, tips pointed. Submerged leaves in whorls of 4–6, mostly 1.5–4.5 cm long, with 17–23 narrow **segments** like the teeth of a comb. Male and female flowers on the same stem. Male flowers with 4 white translucent hooded **petals** 2.5–3.6 mm long, falling early. Female flowers with 0 **sepals**, 0 petals, **stigmas** deep reddish purple. Flowers single or in clusters of 2 or 3 at the base of **whorled** leaves. Flowers Sep.–Apr.

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

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

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