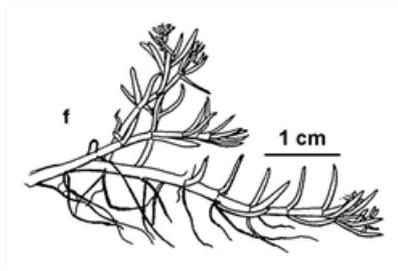


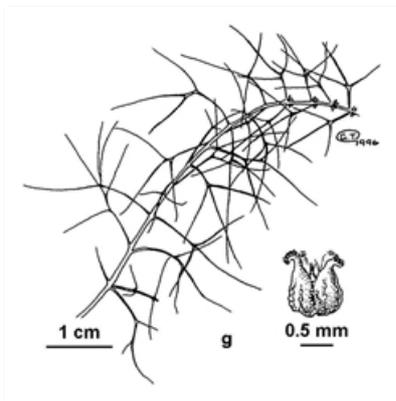
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male flowers (subsp. *pedunculatum*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Braidwood to Cooma road



Line drawings (subsp. *pedunculatum*). Illustration: G Thomson, f. branch; seed case. National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Line drawings (subsp. *longibracteolatum*). Illustration: G Thomson, g. branch; seed case. National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board



Mat (subsp. *pedunculatum*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Braidwood to Cooma road

Common name

Water-milfoil

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

Swampy ground, margins of lakes, pools, and *Sphagnum* bogs, and in shallow water. Widespread but not coastal.

Notes

Perennial herb, rooting at the **nodes**, **prostrate**, mat forming or sprawling, to 0.25 m tall. Leaves opposite each other, 0.2–2.2 cm long, **linear** to cylindrical or threadlike, with a **terminal gland**, margins **entire** or with 1 or 2 lobes. The plants become reddish as the mud dries out. Male and female flowers on the same shoot, or on different shoots on the same plant, or male and female flowers on different plants. Male flowers with 4 hooded red to yellow **petals** 1.5–2.5 mm long. Female flowers with 0 **sepals**, 0 petals, **stigmas** feathery, usually red. Flowers single at the base of opposite leaves.

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

subsp. longibracteolatum: Stems weak, more or less **erect**. Leaves widely spaced, thread-like, 1.5–2.2 cm long, 0.5–1 mm wide, often with 1 or 2 slender lobes near the middle.

subsp. pedunculatum: Main stems prostrate, robust, slightly fleshy, tips pointing up, to 0.1 m tall. Leaves closely spaced, linear to cylindrical, 0.4–1.1 cm long, somewhat fleshy, entire.

Nearly all records are from subsp. *pedunculatum*.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf1&lvl=sp&name=Myriophyllum~pedunculatum> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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