

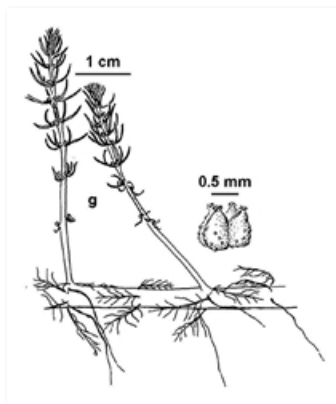
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leafy stems with flowers. Photographer Jackie Miles



Leaves with male flowers above, female flowers below. Photographer Don Wood, Narradgi National Park, ACT



Line drawings. Illustration: G Thomlinson, h. branch (with submerged and emergent leaves); seed case. National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Amphibious water milfoil

Family

Haloragaceae

Where found

Aquatic or in mud. Coast and tablelands. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.4 m tall, rooting at the **nodes**. **Emergent** stems to 8 cm. long. Stems hairless. Emergent leaves in **whorls** of 3-5 or irregularly arranged, 0.5-1.5 cm long, to 2 mm wide (wider in divided leaves), **linear** to cylindrical, **entire**. Submerged leaves in whorls of 4 or 5, 1.8-2.5 cm long, **dissected** into 16-27 fine **segments** like the teeth of a comb. In terrestrial plants all leaves are **intermediate** between these two forms. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Male flowers with 4 reddish hooded **petals** 2.5-3 mm long, which fall off easily. Female flowers small with 0 **sepals**, 0 petals, red or pink **stigmas**, fading to white, **ovaries** a deep reddish purple. Flowers single at the base of **whorled** leaves. Flowers Sep.–Mar.

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~simulans> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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