

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branch. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Gigerline Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Tilba



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Common name

None

Family

Onagraceae

Where found

Disturbed areas and stream banks. Coastal north of Bermagui. ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to about 0.6 m tall. Stems few- to many-branched, with dense short **simple** and **glandular** hairs. Leaves in a basal **rosette**, often absent in older plants, and **alternating** up the stems. Basal leaves 5–7 cm long, 5–13 mm wide. Stem leaves 1.5–5 cm long, 3–10 mm wide, stalkless or more or less stalkless, margins irregularly toothed and wavy. Flowers yellow, becoming reddish with age, with 4 **petals**, each 6–10 mm long. Flowers single at the bases of the leaves or apparently at the tops of the stems.

Hybridizes with *Oenothera stricta* subsp. *stricta*. Hybrids, which are similar in general appearance to *Oenothera indecora* subsp. *bonariensis*, are mostly readily identified by the presence of a basal rosette of long narrow leaves, similar to that of *Oenothera stricta* subsp. *stricta*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Oenothera~indecora> (accessed 23 January, 2021)

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