

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Lake George near Bungendore



Flower and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Tylden, Vic?



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Aranda, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Swamp lily

## Family

Hydrocharitaceae

## Where found

Stationary and slowly flowing fresh water to 1m deep. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and the ACT. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** or **annual** herb. Leaves basal, stalks up to 1.2 m long, reddish, **winged** at the base, cylindrical to plano-convex in cross section near the top, hairless. Floating leaves oval, 2-16 cm long, 30-60 mm wide, mid-green, margins **entire**, tips blunt. **Juvenile** leaves submerged and strap-like, 5-15 cm long. Flowers about 50 mm to 60 mm in diameter, with 3 creamy white or pale pink **petals** with a dark red base. Submerged flowers that self-pollinate without opening also occur. Flowers during the warmer months.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ottelia-ovalifolia> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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