

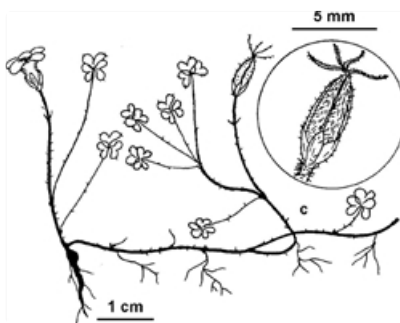
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Bill Strong, west of Geelong, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Aranda Bushland, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. c. whole plant; seed case inset. T Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Shade Wood-sorrel

Family

Oxalidaceae

Where found

Moist places in dry **forest** and **woodland**. Occasional garden weed. Coastal sands. Along streams and in winter-wet depressions. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.35 m high or sprawling, often creeping, often rooting at the **nodes**. Very sparsely hairy. Roots fibrous; **bulbs** and **bulbils** absent. Leaves clustered, **compound**, with 3 **bilobed** leaflets, the leaflets 0.25–1.3 cm long, 3–16 mm wide, usually green, more or less hairless above, hairy below, margins fringed, the lobe tips blunt and 2–3 mm apart. **Stipules** to about 2 mm long, conspicuous, tips lobed or squared off, or inconspicuous with the tips tapering abruptly to the leaf stalks, margins fringed. Flowers yellow, with 5 **petals** each 4.5–10 mm long. Flower clusters 1- or 2-flowered. Flowering: most of the year. Seed cases 5–13 mm long, 2–3 mm in diameter, usually much less than 10 mm long, usually moderately hairy with hairs pointing down, sometimes with longer, scattered, **spreading** hairs as well (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

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=Oxalis~exilis> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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