Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



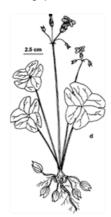
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Common name

Fish-tail Wood-sorrel

Family

Oxalidaceae

Where found

Gardens, roadsides, and disturbed sites. Coast and ranges north from Nowra. Doubtfully naturalised in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb, the stem reduced, appearing absent. Bulbs oval to round, 1-1.5 cm long, pointed, outer surface light brown, vertically ribbed. Bulbils formed from the old bulb on stolons 0.5–4 cm long. Leaf stalks 5–23 cm long, sparsely hairy. Leaves basal, 5–15, with three triangular leaflets each 0.9–4.5 cm long, 12–75 mm wide, surfaces green, sometimes maroon-flecked, hairless above, sparsely hairy below, margins sparsely fringed, the lobe tips rounded, 12–50 mm apart. Stipules conspicuous, to about 10 mm long, with rounded to blunt lobes. Flowers with 5 petals 10–16 mm long, pink to purple, white at the base, sometimes with green stripes, sometimes white throughout. Flowers in clusters of 6–14 flowers, on sparsely hairy stalks longer than the leaves. Flowering: mainly December–June. Seed cases not known in Australia.

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

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