

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Bulb and bulbils. Photographer John Tann, Sydney



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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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