

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



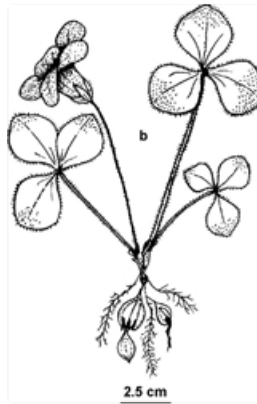
Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Kevin Thiele, WA



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Wallaga Lake, near Bermagui



Plant with bulbs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Ararat to Halls Gap, Vic.



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Common name

Large-flower Wood-sorrel

Family

Oxalidaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, gardens, and roadsides. Sydney area. Coastal south to Bermagui. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb, stem very short. **Bulbs** oval, 1–3.5 cm long, pointed, outer surface blackish brown. **Bulbils** formed on the **rhizome**. Leaf stalks 1–17 cm long, usually densely hairy. Leaves mostly 5–20 per plant. Leaves basal, with three leaflets 0.5–4.5 cm long, 5–50 mm wide, tips rounded or sometimes notched, surfaces green and hairless above, often purplish below with many translucent dots and streaks, often hairy, margins fringed. **Stipules** membranous, to about 4 mm long, abruptly tapering into the leaf stalks. Flowers with 5 **petals**, 10–40 mm long, pink to purple, sometimes white, often yellow or white at the base. Flowers single, on usually densely hairy stalks shorter than or scarcely longer than the leaves. Flowering: April–November. Seed cases not known in Australia.

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

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