

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower, seed case (circled), and leafy carpet.  
Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mt Stromlo, ACT



Line drawings. d. flowering branch; seed case. T. Brosch, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Fluffy-fruit Wood-sorrel

## Family

Oxalidaceae

## Where found

Lawns, gardens, and other disturbed sites. Widespread, mainly Sydney srea and ACT.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.45 m high or sprawling to **prostrate** and creeping. Stems nearly hairless to moderately hairy, hairs mostly pointing forward (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Taproot probably absent; **bulbs** and **bulbils** absent. Leaves along the stems, with three **bilobed** leaflets each 0.3–1.6 cm long, 5–20 mm wide, **glaucous**, hairless to hairy above, often more densely hairy below, margins fringed, the lobe tips rounded, 3–10 mm apart. **Stipules** conspicuous, 1–3 mm long, tips rounded, margins fringed. Flowers with 5 yellow **petals** each 4–12 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 1–6 flowers. Flowering: July–December. Seed cases 5–16 mm long, 2–4 mm in diameter; hairy, with short hairs pointing down and longer **spreading** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

Uncertain Status (native or **naturalised**) in the ACT and Vic.

Data deficient Vic.

Treated as native wherever else it occurs, including NSW.

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

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