

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name

Thin Pondweed

Family

Potamogetonaceae

Where found

Aquatic in still or slowing flowing fresh water and swamps. Mainly tablelands. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Aquatic **perennial** herb, **rhizomatous**. Stems round to flattened in cross section, up to 3 m long. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, **stipules** more or less sheathing the bases. Submerged leaves 5–23 cm long, 5–90 mm wide, stalked and more or less round to stalkless and lanceolate. **Emergent** leaves floating, more or less round, 1.5–9.5 cm long, 9–65 mm wide, shining and often glossy, leathery, usually thin, with 19–32 prominent transverse **secondary veins**, bases **cordate** or squared off, tips blunt. Leaves **intermediate** between these two types stalked and more or less round, translucent; **blade** to 13.5 cm long, 15–30 mm wide, with 11–21 prominent transverse secondary veins, bases cordate, squared off, or tapered, tips pointed or rounded. Flowers 3–4 mm in diameter, with 4 '**petals**'. Flowering **spikes** about 12–20-flowered, 15–45 mm long at the seeding stage. Flowers and fruits Dec.–Feb.

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PlantNET description with photo of dried specimen: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Potamogeton~australiensis> (accessed 2 February, 2021)

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