

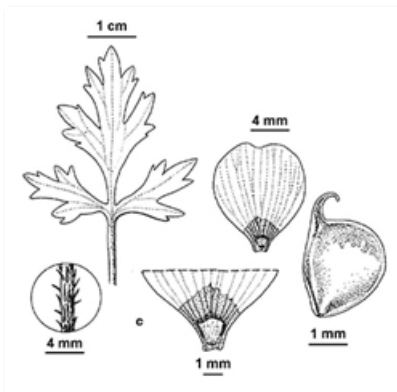
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, north of Young



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Moruya



Line drawings. c. leaf with leaf stalk detail; petal; petal base and nectary; seed. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Common buttercup, Australian buttercup

Family

Ranunculaceae

Where found

Moist sites in **forest**, **woodland**, and grassy areas, drier places amongst rocks, and swamps. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 1.7 m high. Flowering stems with **appressed** or **spreading** hairs. Leaves all or mostly basal, 1.2–11 cm long, 12–110 mm wide, **compound** with 3 leaflets or deeply **dissected**, the **segments** toothed or again divided into 3, or the leaf reduced to the trilobed **terminal** segment. Surfaces sparsely to densely appressed-hairy. Stem leaves, when present, **alternating** up the stems, reduced and with narrow lobes, or unlobed. Flowers golden-yellow, with 5 **petals** each 7–22 mm long, 6–19 mm wide. **Nectary** pouch at the base of the petals usually wedge-shaped, broadest in the upper part, and broader than long. **Sepals** spreading, often hairy on the back. Flowering stems usually branched, with 1–10 flowers. Plants from alpine and subalpine sites, and occasionally at lower elevations in the ACT, frequently have single-flowered **inflorescences**. Seeds usually about 20–50, 1.7–3.5 mm long, oval coming to a point, sides convex, smooth or dimpled, the **beak** weakly to strongly arched, tip hooked, 0.8–2 mm long. Flowering: Winter to Summer.

A robust form, with plant height and leaf measurements at the top end of the range, occurs on the mid-Murray River floodplain (Vic and NSW) downstream from about Albury.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Ranunculus~lappaceus> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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