

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



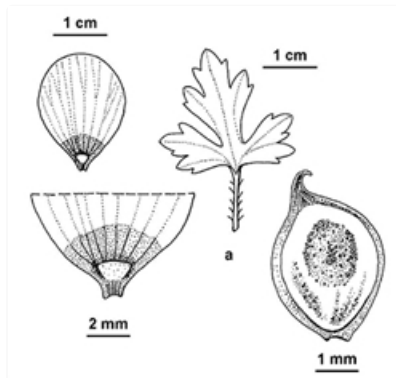
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Common name

Creeping buttercup

Family

Ranunculaceae

Where found

Moist shaded **forest**, lawns, pastures, roadsides, ditches, moist disturbed sites, stream banks, marshes, and swamps. Mainly coast, ranges, ACT, and along the Murray River. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.75 m high, **stoloniferous**, variable, hairless or hairy. Flowering stems hairy, often branching and leafy. Basal leaves tufted, 1.5–15 cm long, to 120 mm in diameter, approximately D-shaped in outline, **compound**, with 3 leaflets, the leaflets variously toothed or further divided. Uppermost stem-leaves narrow and **entire**. Flowers yellow, glossy, usually with 5 broad **petals** each 6–15 mm long, 5–13 mm wide. **Sepals spreading**. Flowers single or in branched clusters. Flowers most of the year. Seeds usually 20–40, broadly elliptic to almost round, 2.5–3 mm long, strongly laterally compressed, side faces smooth or minutely pitted, with a prominent **marginal** ridge, **beak** about 1 mm long, slightly curved or straight.

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

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