

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographer Jackie Mles



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Common name

Glandular Early Nancy

Family

Colchicaceae

Where found

Forest, disturbed grassy places, rocky ridges and creek banks. Western parts of the Sydney area and lower Blue Mountains. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.3 m high. Hairless. Leaves 3, **alternating** up the stem, 6–20 cm long, lowest leaf threadlike or **linear**, 1–2.5 mm wide, not dilated basally; second leaf dilated basally, upper portion tapering; upper leaf dilated with a short or long narrow portion at the top. Flowers all bisexual, lower flowers bisexual and upper flowers male, male and female flowers on the same plant, or rarely plants with entirely male flowers. Flowers white with raised pink to purple markings, with 6 **spreading 'petals'** each 8–10 mm long, shortly fused at the base. **Anthers** red or purple. Flowers in open clusters of 1–6. Flowers Aug.–Dec.

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

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Wurmbea-biglandulosa> (accessed 12 February, 2021)

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