

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Female plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, NW of Young

## Common name

An Early Nancy

## Family

Colchicaceae

## Where found

On heavy soils. Tablelands and Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.15 m tall. Hairless. Leaves 3, **alternating** up the stem or occasionally the lowest 2 basal, either well separated and the lowest leaf threadlike or **linear**, to 2 mm wide, the middle and upper leaves successively shorter and with dilated bases or occasionally the lower 2 leaves basal, similar, narrow- to broad-linear or lance **head** shaped, the lowest leaf 1.5–8 mm wide, the upper leaf much higher up the stem. Male and female flowers on separate plants. Flowers totally white, or with a faint purple band, sweetly scented, with 6 '**petals**' each 5–11 mm long, fused towards the base. Flower clusters 2–9 flowered. Male cluster open, longer than the leaves; female cluster similar, or short, dense, and sometimes concealed between the basal leaves. Flowers late Winter to Spring.

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

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