

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Leaves. Photographer Neil Blair, © 2021 Neil Blair, in VICFLORA



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Common name

None

Family

Juncaginaceae

Where found

Aquatic. In irrigation channels, lagoons, swamps and creeks. Canberra, Albury, and the Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb, **rhizomatous**. **Scape** at the fruiting stage usually **erect**, about 0.29–0.76 m long, 3.5–15 mm in diameter, fruiting **spike** 0.12–1.1 m long, 10–19 mm in diameter. Leaves basal, arising in tufts from the **rhizome**, 43–133 cm long, 3.5–34 mm wide, strap-like, more or less elliptic in cross section, usually floating, seldom erect, thickened and spongy towards the base, with a **sheath** at the base. Flowers with 6 small '**petals**' in two **whorls**, in a dense spike-like cluster, the **rachis** and individual flower stalks of the **inflorescence** usually distinctively pale to deep maroon, rarely green. Flowers October–June. Seed cases more or less globular, 3–5 mm long, 3–5 mm in diameter. Fruiting **spikes** with about 220–1000 seed cases, crowded, 14–27 on each centimetre of rachis length. Seeds never twisted, with prominent narrow **keels** on the top and sides.

Was *Triglochin multifracta*.

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=Cynogeton~multifractum> (accessed 9 January, 2021)

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