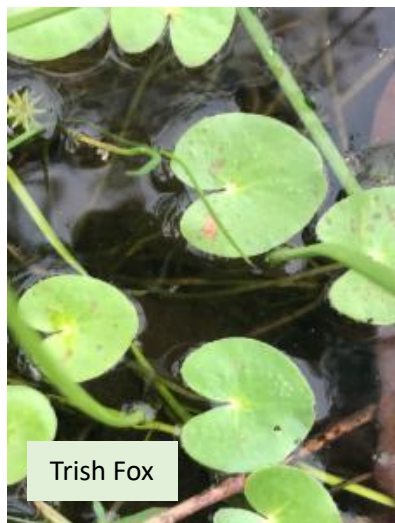


Menyanthaceae

Nymphoides geminata

entire marshwort, star fringe



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ETYMOLOGY

(nim-FOY-deez) Greek nymphaiia Water-lily + oides = like; resemblance to water-lilies; The species geminata = in pairs;

LIFEFORM

Aquatic 2 m Water Depth

STATUS

Vulnerable in SA and Endangered in Victoria

OCCURS

Stanthorpe Qld, Agnes Banks, Glenfield, Narellan NSW, SA, NT

QLD DISTRICTS

Burke, Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Mitchell, Moreton, South Kennedy

HABITAT

Freshwater swamp, ephemeral pools

LEAVES

Blades, 5-20 cm diameter, broadly (heart-shaped) ovate to round, smooth green floating, often purplish below;

FLOWERS

Yellow, 50 mm, central petals fringe; **Flowering times** Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March

FRUIT

Capsules, 5-8 mm, irregular dehiscing which is submerged at maturity; Seeds globular or slightly flattened; **Fruiting times** Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April

ROOTS

Usually not stoloniferous.

STEM

Aquatic perennial herb, often tufted, with floating 5cm leaves

WILDLIFE

Important foodstuff for birds; Roots eaten by Ornate Rainbowfish *Rhadinocentrus ornatus*

BIRDS

Jacana, Grey Teal (plant) Wandering Whistling Duck, Plumed Whistling Duck (Seed)

COMMENTS

Longevity: 1-3 years, possibly depending on length of inundation. NSW: The Oaks, Wingecarribee Swamp