

## Plant of the Month — January 2017

### *Ornduffia parnassifolia* (Labill.) Tippery & Les



*Ornduffia parnassifolia* is an emergent semi-aquatic plant found in swamps and seasonal wetlands from south of Bunbury to east of Esperance. The star-shaped, bright yellow flowers are produced at the end of long panicles periodically throughout the year.

Menyanthaceae is a cosmopolitan family consisting of five genera and mostly aquatic or semi-aquatic species found in rivers, lakes and wetlands. *Ornduffia* is a relatively newly recognised genus and includes species previously belonging to the genus *Villarsia*. The name honours Robert Ornduff, who contributed significantly to the knowledge of reproduction, ecology and evolution in the family.

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