

Oxalis pes-caprae

Commonly: Soursob

Vascular Plant Family: Oxalidaceae

Flowers winter and spring

Oxalis pes-caprae is a perennial herb to 45cm tall with a bulb up to 25mm long. It is a native of South Africa.



There are 3-25 flowers in the inflorescence, all arising at the end of the flower stem. The flowering stem stalk is up to 40cm long. The flowers are bright yellow. There are 5 free sepals up to 8mm long, The tubular petals are deeply 5-lobed up to 12mm long, with 2 rows of 5 stamens. In the photograph below the petals are obvious and so are the 2 rows of 5 stamens.



There are many basal leaves consisting of 2 leaflets. The leaflets are reverse triangular, 2-lobed nearly heart shaped up to 25mm long and wide.



The outer stamens are shorter than the inner stamens.



Outer stamens

Inner stamens

*Indicates it is a weed