

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, near Princes Highway, Narooma



Aerial tubers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer B Gray, Mazlin Creek, Qld

Common name

Madeira Vine, Lamb's Tail, Jalap, Potato Vine

Family

Basellaceae

Where found

Mainly in moist situations. **Rainforest** margins, bushland, moist **woodland**, roadsides, gardens, and along streams. Sydney area and the mountains to the west. Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced perennial climber to 30 m tall. Stems may become woody. Stems and **petals** fleshy, leaves slightly fleshy. Stems cylindrical, hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–15 cm long, 15–120 mm wide, bases more or less **cordate**. Flowers fragrant, faintly aniseed-scented, with 5 white to cream '**petals**' each 2–3 mm long. Flower clusters 6–30 cm long, hanging down. Seed not set in Australia; plants propagate by aerial and underground **tubers**. Flowering: spring to autumn.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Anredera-cordifolia> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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