

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographer Bart Wursten, Zimbabwe



Flowering stem. Photographer Katy Johns, New Zealand



Flowering plant. Photographer natalieatwrcr, New Zealand

Common name

Blue Stars

Family

Iridaceae

Where found

Disturbed bushland, **woodland**, gardens, roadsides, and near streams. Sporadic on the coast. Blue Mountains.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.7 m high. Flower stalk compressed, slightly **winged**. Basal leaves 10–60 cm long, 4–14 mm wide, usually thin and almost leathery, leaf bases usually red. Stem leaves **alternating** up the stems, smaller. Flowers bright blue with a green tube, about 12–20 mm long, tube about 8 mm long, and 6 lobes. Flowers in several loose branched clusters, each cluster with about 3–4 stalked flowers emerging successively from paired leaf-like **bracts**. Flowers opening for a few hours only.

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

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