

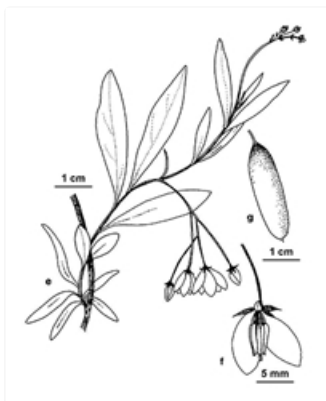
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Ian McMaster, WA



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings (as *Sollya heterophylla*). e. flowering stem; f. flower (front segments removed); g. fruit. EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Bluebell Creeper

## Family

Pittosporaceae

## Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, and disturbed sites. Mainly Sydney and Blue Mountains. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced** woody twining climber, rarely bushy. Readily produces shoots from its underground rootstock if its aboveground parts are damaged. Fruit firmly fleshy. Young stems densely hairy. Older stems reddish-brown or greyish-brown and somewhat angular. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–5 cm long, 2–18 mm wide, both surfaces covered in soft hairs, becoming hairless, margins **entire** to slightly wavy. Flowers blue to mauve, pink, or white, with 5 **petals** 6–12 mm long. Flowers nodding, in 1–5 flowered clusters. Flowering: spring-summer. Fruit green to purple-black, edible, to 35 mm long.

Native of WA.

Was included in *Sollya heterophylla*.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/038f2334-a484-413c-8c81-def4a41e61a0> (accessed 6 February 2021)

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