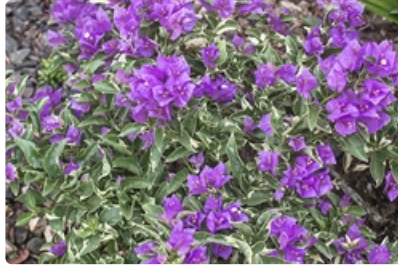


# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Valter Jacinto, Portugal



Flowering shrub. Photographer Andres Hernandez, Panama



Leafy stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, east of Wisemans Ferry

## Common name

Bougainvillea

## Family

Nyctaginaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, old habitations and gardens, roadsides, disturbed sites, coastal environs, and near streams. Sydney area and north.

## Notes

**Introduced** scrambling **shrub** or woody climber, usually to about 4 m high, rarely to 9 m high. In Australia, it reproduces by suckering or by the stems rooting where the tips touch the ground. Stems with curved thorns, hairless or sparsely hairy. Older stems eventually become woody with deeply-fissured bark. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 4-13 cm long, 15-60 mm wide, upper surface hairless, lower surface sparsely hairy, bases rounded to **cordate**, margins **entire**, tips pointed. Flowers tubular, the tube greenish or purplish, 9-20 mm long, with 5 cream, yellowish or whitish lobes each about 2.5 mm long. Flowers in 3s, each flower **subtended** by a colourful papery **bract**, usually reddish or purple, 20-50 mm long, 15-40 mm wide. These flower-units may also be grouped into larger branched clusters. Flowers Autumn. Does not produce seed in Australia.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Bougainvillea-glabra> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

Brisbane City Council weed identification sheet: <https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/bougainvillea> (accessed 12 January, 2021)

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