

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves and flower cluster (arrow points to flower head). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, between Bungendore and Braidwood



USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database. Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. Vol. 2: 651.

Common name

Indian Pennywort, Gotu Cola

Family

Apiaceae

Where found

Damp places. Mainly Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Creeping **perennial** herb, rooting at the **nodes**. Leaves in groups at the nodes, 1–4 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, on stalks 1–20 cm long. Leaves more or less round in outline, hairless, margins **entire**, wavy, or strongly scalloped. Flowers bisexual or the **lateral** ones male, with 5 **petals** about 1.5 mm long, pink to crimson or purple or white. **Sepals** absent. Flowers in clusters of 2–3, sometimes 2–3 clusters together. Flowers mostly summer–autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Centella-asiatica> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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