

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Molonglo River, ACT



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Molonglo River, ACT



Flowers closeup. Photographer wandiyali, east of the ACT

Common name

Red Valerian, Kiss-me-quick

Family

Valerianaceae

Where found

Mostly ACT and nearby. Occasionally elsewhere. **Woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, and rocky areas.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb or **shrub** to about 1 m high. Hairless. Leaves opposite each other. Lower leaves mostly 3.5–12 cm long, 10–50 mm wide, stalked, margins **entire**. Upper leaves stalkless, becoming relatively wider, margins of the leaves near the flower clusters often toothed. Flowers pink to rose-red, rarely white, tubular, the slender tube 7–11 mm long, with 5 lobes each 2–3 mm long, the upper lobe by itself with a **spur** on the back 4–8 mm long, the four lower lobes together. Flowers in dense rounded or elongated many-flowered clusters. Flowering: mainly August–December.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Centranthus-ruber> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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