

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG and FJ Richardson, Bannockburn, Vic



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG and FJ Richardson, Bannockburn, Vic



Leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG and FJ Richardson, Bannockburn, Vic

Common name

Bindweed

Family

Convolvulaceae

Where found

Disturbed areas and moist sites. Widespread, but no records from the Western Slopes. Most records from the Sydney area.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb with trailing or twining stems to about 0.75 m long, and a slender creeping rootstock. Stems round to 4-angled in cross section, hairless to moderately hairy. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 1–7 cm long, 5–40 mm wide, with 2 pointed lobes at the base or **entire**, fairly uniform in shape from the base of the stem to the tip, surfaces hairless or with scattered hairs. Flowers funnel-shaped with 5 ill-defined lobes, 15–30 mm long, 20–30 mm in diameter, usually white, occasionally pink. **Sepals** 3.5–4.5 mm long, free from each other. Flowers in 1–4-flowered clusters, single (very rarely in pairs) at the bases of the leaves. Flowering: spring to autumn.

Noxious weed Vic.

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

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