

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and young seed cases. Photographer Keir Morse, Oregon, USA



Young seed cases. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Line drawings. a. plant; b. seed case. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Black Bindweed

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

Weed of pastures, crops and gardens. Sydney area. Elsewhere widespread but not common. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or short-lived **perennial** herb, twining or sprawling. Stems to about 1 m long, hairless, hairy with minute hairs, or slightly **mealy**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1.5–7 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, bases with rounded to backward pointed lobes, margins **entire**, or wavy and scalloped. Flowers green, green with narrow white margins, or greenish white, with 5 '**petals**', each 2–6 mm long, free from each other above about midway. Flowers in elongated, sometimes branched, clusters, spread along the stems, or reduced to clusters at the bases of the leaves. Flowers Nov.–Mar. Nuts triangular in cross section, dull, black, surfaces finely granular, with shallowly concave to flat faces, 3.5–4.5 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Fallopia~convolvulus> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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