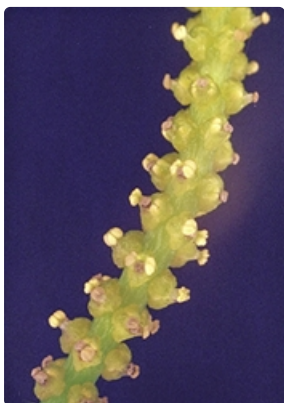


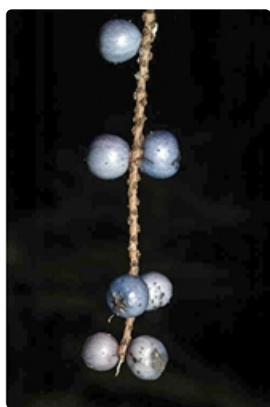
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, Australian Tropical Rainforest key, photographer B Jago, place unknown



Flower spikes. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra



Fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Robertson



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra

## Common name

Settlers' Twine, Boorgay

## Family

Araceae

## Where found

Wet **forest** and wet gullies. Coast and ranges north from west of Ulladulla.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb or **shrub** to about 2 m tall. Fleshy '**petals**' and fruit. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 100–150 cm long, mostly 10–25 mm wide, tough-fibrous, hairless, strongly veined, channelled, tapering to a point. Individual flowers small, with 4 fleshy '**petals**'. Pollen bright yellow. Main axis of the **inflorescence** 1.5–3 m high. Individual flower **spikes** to about 120 mm long, at first with the flowers green and clustered, the flowers later darkening and becoming separated from each other. Flowers emerge over a long period of time. Fruit blue to blue-black. Flowering: throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Gymnostachys~anceps> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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