

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower cluster and leaves. Photographer Roger Spencer, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Flower cluster with buds in the middle. Photographer Dominicus Johannes Bergsma Netherlands



Shrub. Photographer Kenpei, Japan

Common name

Hydrangea, Bigleaf Hydrangea

Family

Hydrangeaceae

Where found

Cultivated plant, rarely **naturalised**. Mostly Sydney area, Blue Mountains, and north. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced deciduous shrub to 3 m high. Hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 7.5–19 cm long, 40–130 mm wide, margins toothed. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers with 5 **petals**, falling when the flowers open, and 4-5 **sepals** initially 0.5–1 mm long. Male flowers white, blue, purple or pink, the sepals united at the base, enlarging to 10-30 mm long. Bisexual flowers inconspicuous. Flowers in dense clusters. Flowers spring–autumn.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/0d1fc139-cfd1-4cc0-9686-b903e2d86d73> (accessed 22 February 2021)

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