

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, south of Newcastle



Climbing plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, below Maleny, Qld

Common name

Coastal Morning Glory, Mile-a-minute, Five-leaved Morning Glory

Family

Convolvulaceae

Where found

Rainforest margins, urban bushland, **woodland**, gardens, fences, disturbed sites, coastal dunes, coastal cliffs, and along streams. Coastal.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 5 m or more high, with trailing and twining stems, rooting at the **nodes**. Can form a dense mat along the ground. Infestations can smother other vegetation. More or less hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3-10 cm long, 30–100 mm wide, divided almost to the base with 5–8 narrow lobes, appearing **compound**. Flowers violet to purplish violet, or purple to pinkish-purple, with a darker centre, rarely white, funnel-shaped, 50–80 mm in diameter, with 5 lobes. **Sepals** free from each other. Flowers in 1-3-flowered clusters. Flowering throughout the year. Seeds poisonous.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

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

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