

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Dwarf mallow, Mallow

## Family

Malvaceae

## Where found

Disturbed sites, often moist pastures and gardens. Mainly Sydney area, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **biennial** herb, **prostrate** to sprawling with stems to about 1 m long, or to 0.6 m tall. Stems **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** along the stems, about 2-6 cm long, 20-60 mm wide, 5-7-lobed or more or less unlobed, bases **cordate**, margins scalloped, surfaces sparsely hairy; stalks longer than the leaf **blades**. Flowers with 5 mauve to pink or white **petals** each 6-12 mm long, in clusters.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Malva-neglecta> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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