

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



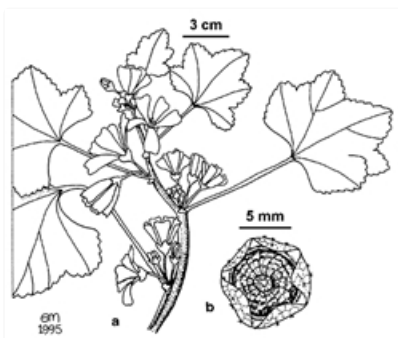
Flower. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Flowering plant. Photographer JC Schou, Denmark



Seed cases and leaf base. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



Line drawings. a. flowering branch; b. seed case. EM Mayfield, E.M., National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Tall Mallow

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Weed of gardens and crops. Mostly coastal north from Camden. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced biennial or **perennial** herb to 1.5 m tall, sometimes sprawling. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, about 3–10 cm long, 30–100 mm wide, usually shallowly 5-lobed, more or less hairless, margins scalloped or irregularly toothed. Flowers pink to reddish purple or purple, with darker **veins**, with 5 **petals** each 12–30 mm long, in irregular clusters. Flowers Nov.–Feb.

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

Author: Betty Wood.

This identification key and fact sheets are available as a free mobile application:



Android edition



iOS edition

Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia (CC BY)