

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Four o'clock Flower, Marvel of Peru

Family

Nyctaginaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, gardens, roadsides, waste areas, disturbed sites, and near streams. Mostly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb, sometimes arising annually from the roots, to 1 m high with a woody rootstock and large tuberous roots. Stems hairless or hairy with minute hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 3–9 cm long, 10–50 mm wide, hairless, bases **cordate** to squared off, tips pointed. Flowers fragrant, white, yellow or red or a mixture of any of these on the one plant, 20–60 mm long, 25–30 mm in diameter, with a trumpet shaped tube and 5 lobes. Flowers in 3–7-flowered clusters of which only the central flower often develops. Flowers opening in the afternoon. Flowering: autumn.

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

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