

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



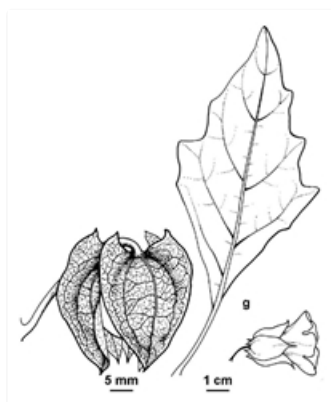
Flower and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Leafy stem with open seed cases. Photographer Jackie Miles



Plant with flowers and young seed cases. Photographer Owen Holton, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings: g. fruit; leaf; flower. MMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Apple-of-Peru

Family

Solanaceae

Where found

Forest margins, crops, disturbed sites, roadsides, gardens, and along streams. Coastal. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to about 2 m high. Fruit fleshy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–15 cm long, 10–60 mm wide, variable in shape, narrow to broad, margins usually irregularly toothed, surfaces more or less hairless, tips pointed or blunt. Flowers pale blue to mauve, 12–30 mm long, with a bowl-shaped tube and 5 short lobes. Flowers single. Flowers mostly summer and autumn. Fruit pale yellow, round, usually 11–22 mm in diameter, enclosed by the enlarged papery **calyx**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Nicandra-physalodes> (accessed 28 January, 2021)

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