

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering branches. Photographer Don Wood, Nowra-Kangaroo Valley Road



Flowering branch. Photographer Jackie Miles



Branches with flower buds. Photographer Jackie Miles



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Bankstown Council Garden, Bankstown

Common name

Pink pavonia

Family

Malvaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, roadsides, and disturbed sites. Mostly in the Sydney area. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 2 m tall. Stems **stellate** hairy (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 1-6 cm long, mostly 10-25 mm wide, margins scalloped, surfaces rough above, whitish or greyish **tomentose** below, bases **cordate**, or with two pointed basal lobes **spreading** more or less at right angles to the leaf stalk. **Petals** on open flowers 12-25 mm long, reddish purple to pink or mauve or white, with a dark red base. Flowers often self-pollinate without opening.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Pavonia~hastata> (accessed 29 January, 2021)

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