

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and buds. Photographer Bart Wursten, Zimbabwe



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Base of leaf and leaf sheath. Photographer Syp, Hungary.

Common name

Princes feathers

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Growing from dumped garden refuse, old gardens, moist sites, and in water. Sydney area south to the Nowra district. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 2 m high. Stems densely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6–22 cm long, 35–120 mm wide, both surfaces with scattered hairs and stalkless **glands, stipular sheath** (ocrea) hairy, its expanded top part free from the stem, to 7 mm wide, **entire**. Flowers with 4-5 pale pink to red '**petals**', each 2.5–4.5 mm long, free from each other almost to the base. **Spikes** cylindrical, often drooping, dense, 35–80 mm long, 5–10 mm in diameter.

Treated as native in NSW, and as doubtfully **naturalised** in Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Persicaria-orientalis> (accessed 3 April 2021)

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