

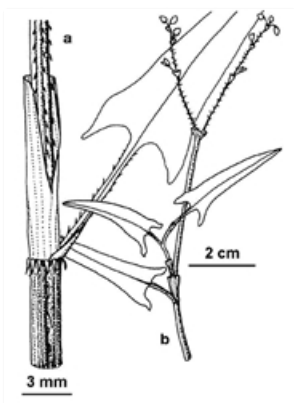
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bodalla State Forest near Bodalla



Plants. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings. a. portion of stem showing sheath and leaf base; b. flowering stems. E.M. Mayfield, E.M., National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Spotted Knotweed

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Swamp margins and other damp places. Widespread, mainly coast and ranges, and along the Murray River. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Herb, usually **perennial**, often **prostrate** to sprawling or **scrambling**. Stems to 1.5 m long, slender, bristly. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 2.5–20 cm long, 6–18 mm wide, hairy on the **veins** and margins, occasionally also scattered over the surfaces, bases with pointed lobes, **stipular sheath** (ocrea) with scattered rather **spreading** hairs, hairless on the upper margin. Flowers with 4–5 pink or white '**petals**', each 2.5–4 mm long, free from each other to near the base. Flowers in 1–6 small, rather isolated clusters, borne on 2 or 3 relatively long branches at 5–15 mm intervals. Only 1 mature flower per cluster at any one time. Flowers Nov.–May.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?pagen=swfl&lvl=sp&name=Persicaria~praetermissa> (accessed 30 January, 2021)

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