

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Flowering stems and leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Mles



Leafy stems. Photographer Jackie Mles

Common name

Spotted Knotweed

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Moist places and open swamps. Coast and ranges north from Nowra. Occasionally farther south.

Notes

Herb, **prostrate** to sprawling. Stems to 1.5 m long, slender, bristly. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 3–7 cm long, 15–32 mm wide, with sparse hairs mostly restricted to the **veins** and margins, bases with pointed lobes, **stipular sheath** (ocrea) with scattered antrorse hairs, upper margin hairless or with scattered fringing hairs to 1 mm long. Flowers with 4–5 pink or white '**petals**', each 3.0–3.7 mm long. **Inflorescence** of 2–4 branches with small almost round to oval flower clusters 5–10 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Persicaria-strigosa> (accessed 30 January, 2021)

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