

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem Photographer Jackie Miles



Leafy stem Photographer Jackie Miles



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

Common name

Bristly knotweed, Hairy Knotweed

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Forest, along streams, and in open swamps. Coast and ranges.

Notes

Perennial herb to about 1 m high or sprawling, **rhizomatous**. Stems sparsely to densely covered with coarse **appressed** hairs. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 6–15 cm long, 5–23 mm wide, sparsely to densely covered in coarse hairs, **stipular sheath** (ocrea) hairy, with fringing hairs 4–10 mm long. Flowers with 4–5 white to pale pink '**petals**', each 2.2–4 mm long, free from each other from half to two-thirds their length. **Spikes** cylindrical, dense to rather loose, 2–8 cm long, 4–10 mm in diameter.

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

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