

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Pollia

## Family

Commelinaceae

## Where found

Rainforest, **rainforest** margins, wet places, and along streams. Coast and ranges north from Nowra.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to about 1 m high, creeping, rooting at the **nodes**. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10–19 cm long, 15–35 mm wide, hairless, tips pointed, basal **sheath** 2.5–3.5 cm long, the open top wavy. Flowers with 6 '**petals**', outer '**petals**' white with brown specks and flecks, inner '**petals**' white or sometimes blue, each 4–6 mm long. Usually 3 **stamens** producing pollen and 3 stamens not producing pollen. Flower clusters 3.5–5 cm long, not enclosed by a green **spathe**. Flowering: spring–autumn. Fruit blue, hard, very glossy, oval, 5–6 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pollia~crispata> (accessed 1 February, 2021)

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